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# Bits & Chips



***Hello From the Pres.....***

## ***Happy New Year!....***

*I hope everyone stayed warm over the Holidays! Mother Nature sure Knows how to prove she's the boss...I hope everyone got a lot of great presents over the holidays and celebrated the New Year safely. Did anybody get a new computer for Christmas??? I shopped the sales and picked up some new software to help me relax a little and stay up late losing sleep. Anyway:*

**Happy New Year**

## **Last Month's Party**

The Christmas Party was a great success and I would like to thank everyone that attended and share in the celebration. I am sure I

*was not the only one who ate too much...The food was great and I think it was great to meet everyone's families and share a great meal together. Thanks to everyone who helped out!!!*

## **Voice Recognition**

*Did anyone get any Voice Recognition software over the Holidays? I have a friend that needs to get a voice recognition software package and I figured that maybe someone in the club might have a package and an opinion on how well they work etc...Please let me know at the next meeting or E-Mail me with the information...*

## **AOL HELL**

*I am not sure if the weather has everyone snowed/iced in or if a lot of new computers were installed over the holidays, but it seems like it has been extremely difficult to get on line lately. When I do get connected, I usually get knocked offline before I am finished doing what I wanted to do. Let me know if anyone has any secrets that they would not mind sharing...I am sure all the AOL members would appreciate help.*

## **Members Of The Year.**

*I would like to congratulate the recent Member of the Year Award recipients... The latest winners are: Bertha Koerper 1996; Wally Maier, 1997,*

**Pat Whalen, 1998. Congratulations and Thank You all for everything you have done!**

## **Joke Of The Month**

*A guy walks into a bar with his pet monkey. He orders a drink and while he is drinking it, the monkey jumps around all over the place. The monkey grabs some olives off the bar and eats them, then grabs some limes and eats them; he then jumps on the pool table, grabs the cue ball, sticks it in his mouth and swallows it whole. The bartender screams at the guy, "did you see what your monkey just did? He just ate the cue ball off of my pool table, whole!", says the bartender. "Yeah, that doesn't surprise me." replied the patron. "He eats everything in sight, the little jerk. I'll pay for the cue ball and stuff." He finishes his drink, pays the bill and leaves the bar. Two weeks later, he is in the bar again and he has his monkey with him. He orders a drink and the monkey starts running around. While the man is finishing his drink, the monkey finds a maraschino cherry on the bar. He grabs it, sticks it up his butt, pulls it out and eats it! The bartender is disgusted. "Did you see what your monkey did now? He stuck a cherry up his butt, and then pulled it out and ate it." "Yeah, that doesn't surprise me. He still eats everything in sight, but since he swallowed that cue ball, he measures everything first..." See You At The Meeting! Mike*



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Farris Jackson; January 5  
Bill Jeffreys; January 24  
Dave Epps; January 15  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

## **Membership Report**

**Odie Farris, III**

*I would like to give a big Thank You to all the members for their support when my computer crashed in October of last year. You caring and patients help give me strength to continue as editor.*

*I am unsure whose membership has expired. If anyone thinks their membership has expired, you can contact me on a one time call basis, [leave you name and number if I am not home] toll free at [1-800] 226-2418 or just pay Mike or Wally at our meeting. These ideas will help us update easier.*

## **Treasurer's Report**

By, Pat Whalen

Balance Dec. 1, 1998.....\$913.70  
DOM Zip Disks & CD's.....\$ 27.00  
Membership.....\$ 20.00  
50/50.....\$ 21.00  
  
Total December Income.....\$ 68.00

### Expenses

Newsletter.....\$ 23.40  
Postage.....\$ 19.20  
Christmas Party.....\$ 95.69  
Name Tags & Cards.....\$ 47.46

Total December Exp.....\$185.75  
Current Balance, Jan. 1, .....\$795.95

## **General Meeting of The Gateway Computer Club**

**December 16, 1998**

**By; Wally C. Maier**

### **CHRISTMAS PARTY!**

President Mike Taphorn opened the meeting at 7:15 P.M.

Officers Roll call;

[x] Mike Taphorn.....President  
[x] Jim Tomlinson.....Vice President  
[x] Secretary.....Wallace Maier  
[x] Treasurer.....- Joe-Pat Whalen  
[A] Membership.....Jasper Spears  
[A] Librarian.....Bill Derossett & Gene Brandt  
[A] Editor.....Odie Farris, III

Bob Suarez Awards were given to Bertha Koeper; Pat Whalen & Wally C. Maier.

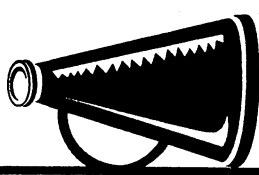
There were 21 members attending the meeting.

## **PARTY TIME**

Drawings:

50/50.....Pat Whalen  
Mouse.....Ken Welker & Al Miller  
Game Pad.....Marty Bartoulis  
Joy Stick.....Lee Bales & Wally Maier  
Speakers.....Charles Garner  
Power Strip.....Shirley Taphorn  
56K Modem.....Mike Taphorn  
Box of Disks..Charles Garner & Wally C. Maier  
Wrist Pad.....Joanne Madeline  
Game CD.....Scott Rayho

**The Food was GREAT and we all had a GOOD Time!**



# ATTENTION

JANUARY DEMO  
COURTESY OF  
COMPUTER RENAISSANCE

THANK YOU TOBY AND NANCY GRIGGS!

WE WILL HAVE TWO HI TECH SYSTEMS SET UP SIDE BY SIDE, FULLY LOADED WITH ACTION GAMES WITH ONE EXCEPTION. THE PROCESSOR WILL BE OF THE SAME SPECS, BUT DIFFERENT MANUFACTURER.

YOU BE THE JUDGE!

COMPUTER RENAISSANCE

*We buy, sell, Trade used and New computer equipment*

**Toby & Nancy Griggs**

**Owners**

*Griggs Enterprise, L.L.C.*

*103 Frey Lane, Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208*

*[618] 628-3990 Fax: [618] 628-9263*

## **Bio-Excellence**

**Presents**

### ***Chito-Trim***

**THE NEW MIRACLE IN WEIGHT LOSS!**

Our science team has combined five of the most proven all natural weight loss ingredients into the Chito-trim; and unlike many other products in which you must take a combination of pills in order to achieve weight loss, chito-trim has all of these effective ingredients in one amazing pill! It is not available in stores. You must contact your local Bio-Excellence Distributor and start a whole new & healthy life! Contact Dean Roberson at "darcom@intertek.net or [618] 632-4240 for more information. Independent distributors wanted! Did you ever consider network marketing? But always said to yourself "only if I had done this when it first started?" or 'you can't really buy the products at wholesale." Well Bio-Excellence has just begun network marketing in January 1999 and ground floor opportunities are here. Check out the opportunity in health, wellness and weight loss market. "This compensation plan is very generous to the beginning distributor and will encourage growth."

Contact Dean Roberson at darcom@intertek.net for additional information and don't miss out on this opportunity. Remember, by the year 2003 is is estimated 50% of the households will either be purchasing products from a network marketer or will be selling products as a network marketing company.



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**Wallys' Dairy**  
***Don't Sabotage Your Own Success!***

The drive to succeed is innate. We all desire to achieve a goal or to complete a task. Yet, along with that desire are negative behaviors that impede our success. The first step on the road to success is to acknowledge what your world really looks like. Four behaviors that get in the way of your success:

- ♦ Blaming others. This practice is particularly entrapping, because it appears to be the truth. "how can you expect me to succeed when he/she, my father, my mother, my boss, is/was standing in my way?" When you do this, you give another person control over your life. You see yourself as a victim. You are the effect, not the cause of what goes on in your life. You will never succeed when you are an effect, only when you are a cause. accept responsibility for the way things are.
- ♦ Setting Impossible Task: This is deceptive because it looks like you are trying to get something done. [eg. A frustrated bank teller decides she is in a rut and needs to break out in order to succeed. She resolves to quit smoking, lose weight, start exercising, update her wardrobe, and get a MBA.

None of this is impossible and each individually, is a big challenge. But trying to do them all at once not only is unrealistic, it virtually guarantees failure. Set reasonable accomplishments.

- ♦ Setting An impossible schedule for getting things done.

We have become so accustomed to instant gratification that often we forget that things take time. A man needing to lose 100 lbs tries to lose 20 lbs a week, figuring that in a month or so his weight problem would be solved. He did not consider that it took him 50 years to get as heavy as he is/was, that his eating habits took many years to form, and that permanent weight loss of such magnitude might take several years to accomplish. Set realistic time tables.

- ♦ Not doing the very things you know you must do.

You know you should start your day making sales calls when you are fresh. But instead you go to a coffee shop for an hour to "plan your day." Be honest with yourself right now!

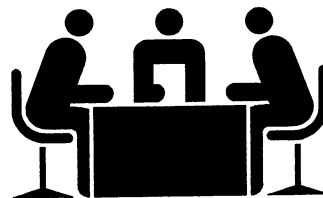
**thanks wally!**

Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced.

-- Soren Kirkegaard

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## **Editors' View**

**The Following is Edited From**  
**THE ROTARIAN MAGAZINE April**  
**1998**

### **Do You Follow Proper E-mail Etiquette?**

***E-mail is now accepted as an efficient and effective means of business communication. But be careful-do not let your personal/professional image be marred by ignoring the basic rules of e-mail etiquette.***

#### **Learn to use the e-mail system:**

***For example, know the difference between replying to just one person, replying to all parties, and forwarding a message to the wrong person. And once it has been sent, it is too late to retrieve it.***

#### **Be sure you want it in writing:**

***It is tempting to use e-mail casually to discuss all types of topics with co-workers. But remember, once your message is sent, it can be printed, saved duplicated, forwarded, and***



YOU MAY FIND OUT, IN A MOST UNPLEASANT WAY, THAT YOUR PRIVATE CONVERSATION IS NOW PUBLIC INFORMATION.

**CHOOSE YOUR WORDS CAREFULLY:**

ALTHOUGH E-MAIL IS GENERALLY WRITTEN IN MORE CONVERSATION MANNER, MUCH LIKE CASUAL TALK OR A PHONE CONVERSATION, THE NON-VERBAL CLUES THAT COME WITH A LIVE DIALOGUE ARE MISSING. WHAT MAY SEEM HUMOROUS TO YOU MAY COME ACROSS AS SILLY OR EVEN RUDE WHEN IT IS IN WRITING. AND, EVEN IF THE ORIGINAL RECEIVER UNDERSTANDS YOUR COMMENTS, WILL THE NEXT PERSON WHO MAY RECEIVE THE MESSAGE FEEL THE SAME WAY? ALSO, AVOID SHORTCUTS AND E-MAIL ACRONYMS SUCH AS SMILEYS:). THE READER MAY NOT UNDERSTAND THEM AND THINK YOU JUST CAN NOT SPELL.

**SET THE TONE OF YOUR MESSAGE:**

E-MAIL CAN BE USED TO MAKE A FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE STAFF OR EVEN A CLIENT. YOU CAN LET THE RECIPIENTS KNOW THE INTENDED CONTEXT BY THE STRUCTURE OF YOUR MESSAGE. USE A FORMAL SALUTATION AND THE BASIC CONVENTIONS OF A BUSINESS LETTER OR PERSONAL LETTER, OR PERHAPS START THE MESSAGE WITH A COMMENT SUCH AS "THIS IS AN OFFICIAL MESSAGE."

**GIVE YOUR RECIPIENT ENOUGH INFORMATION.** THERE IS A TENDENCY TO BE SO BRIEF IN AN E-MAIL THAT CRITICAL INFORMATION IS OMITTED.

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IF YOU ARE

REPLYING TO A PREVIOUS MESSAGE OR CONTINUING A CONVERSATION, REFER TO THE TOPIC. THE RECIPIENT MAY NOT HAVE THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE OR MAY NOT REMEMBER WHAT HE OR SHE ASKED YOU. BUT DO NOT REPEAT OR COPY THE ENTIRE PREVIOUS MESSAGE UNLESS THERE IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION YOU MUST REFER TO. USE THE SUBJECT LINE TO CATCH THE RECIPIENT'S ATTENTION. PEOPLE MAY IGNORE A MESSAGE WITH NO SUBJECT HEADING BECAUSE THEY CANNOT PRIORITIZE IT.

**DON'T BE ANONYMOUS**

SUPPLY INFORMATION ABOUT WHO YOU ARE AND HOW TO CONTACT YOU. DO NOT MAKE RECIPIENTS TRY TO INTERPRET INFORMATION FROM THE HEADER OF THE MESSAGE. E-MAIL SOFTWARE MAY ADD TO OR DELETE PORTIONS OF YOUR ADDRESS AND THE PERSON MAY NOT KNOW YOUR NAME OR E-MAIL ADDRESS. YOU SHOULD INCLUDE YOUR PERSONAL/COMPANY NAME AND PHONE NUMBER WHEN WRITING TO A CLIENT/FRIEND. SOME SOFTWARE CAN AUTOMATE FOR YOU.

**BE NICE TO YOUR READER**

IF THE MESSAGE IS LONG, TRY TO DIVIDE IT INTO SMALLER PARAGRAPHS. READING ENDLESS ROWS OF TEXT ON A COMPUTER SCREEN IS EXHAUSTING. AND DON'T PLACE YOUR MESSAGE IN CAPITAL LETTERS. IT EXAGGERATES THE MEANING OF THE WORDS, ALMOST AS IF YOU ARE SHOUTING. IT IS DIFFICULT TO READ AND CONSIDERED RUDE.

WHEN YOU ATTACH A FILE TO THE MESSAGE, BE SURE THE RECIPIENT HAS THE SOFTWARE TO READ IT. ASK IN ADVANCE WHAT HIS/HER COMPUTER CAN ACCEPT, OTHERWISE YOUR URGENT REQUEST MAY APPEAR AS A JUMBLE OF HIEROGLYPHS. IF IN DOUBT, PLACE THE INFORMATION IN THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE.

FOLLOWING THE RULES OF PROPER E-MAIL ETIQUETTE CAN SAVE YOUR TIME AND POTENTIAL EMBARRASSMENT.

IF ANY MEMBER HAS ARTICLES YOU MAY WANT OTHER TO SEE PLEASE E-MAIL TO ME AT:  
[f430rris@midwest.net](mailto:f430rris@midwest.net)



Pray that you will never have to bear all that you are able to endure.

-- Jewish Proverb

## Gateway Computer Club

Next Meeting:

January 20, 1999 7:00 P.M.

Location:

At Caseyville Township Building

10001 Bunkum Road

Fairview Heights, Illinois

call Mike at [618] 345-2197; James at [618] 624-3872; or Wally [618] 286-0215  
for directions.

Visitors are Always welcome at our meeting on the third Wednesday of every Month

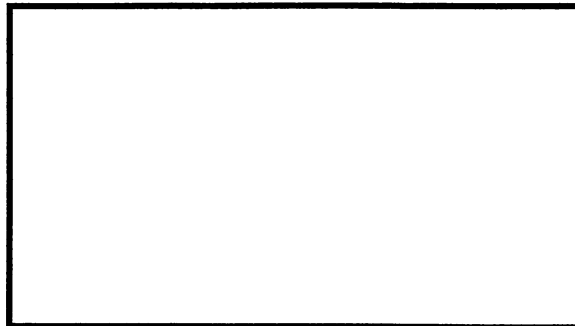
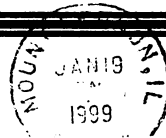
Next Board Meeting

February 3, 1999

~~Ryan's Post House~~

6:00 P.M.

Gateway Computer Club  
Mike Taphorn  
101 Spring Glen  
Collinsville, Illinois 62234



# Bits & Chips



Hello From The Pres...

## GATEWAY DISCOUNT

If anyone is interested in purchasing a new computer from Gateway Computers [formerly Gateway 2000], please let me know before you purchase it. If I order your computer through my new business, we can get 3% discount off of the PRE-TAX/ SHIPPING PRICE. I normally would keep a portion of my discount as a fee, but for club members, I will give the full 3% discount to anyone that wants to order a PC.. I am looking for someone interested in helping with my new business, so please let me know at the next meeting if you would like to know more...

## LAST MONTHS DEMO

I would like to Thank Jim Tomlinson for giving a very informative demonstration of Netscape Navigator. I learned a few tricks and I am sure everyone else did too. I think demo's that help everyone use some of the tools they use everyday are the best demo's we can have...

THANKS JIM!!!!

## THIS MONTHS DEMO

We had trouble remembering who offered to supply the equipment for this months' demo's so, we triple booked this month in case some of the demonstrations fell through...Since Jim Tomlinson did such a great job on the last demonstration, he is going to give another demo this month. This month he will get down to the nuts and bolts of motherboards when he moves a mother board from one system to another and then sets up everything and makes it work. This demo requires the person that asked Jim to move their motherboard to bring in their system. We also wanted to give a scanner installation demo if we can get the member that offered to bring in her laptop and scanner. Lastly, we can always fall back on Paint Shop Pro or some other demo...

## TOASTMASTERS

### ANYONE???

Here is the text of an E-Mail I recently received; Members of the Gateway Computer Club, Perhaps our two clubs can mutually benefit each other. Toastmasters Club 4206 has a range of computer literacy from nil to expert. I suspect many community organizations need a resource such as your club members who can speak to groups at any level of computer literacy. So, I extend an invitation to check out whether we have any speaking/ skills you could use to your advantage. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays in the other half of the

room you meet in every 3rd Wednesday. Same time: 7 P.M.. No strings attached. Just drop in some Wednesday and have a good time. Tippin [Not an officer of Toastmasters Club 4206--just a semi-literate member who appreciates an expert who can explain complicated systems in simple language.]

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

A man was leaving a Stop n' Go with his morning coffee and newspaper when he noticed a most unusual funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery. A long black hearse was followed by another long black hearse about 50 feet back. Behind the second hearse was a solitary man walking a pit bull on a leash. Behind him were 200 men walking single file. The guy could not stand the curiosity. He respectfully approached the man walking the dog and said "Sir, I know now is a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this. Whose funeral is it?" The man replied "Well, that first hearse is for my wife." "What happen to her?" The man replied "my dog bit her and she died." "And the second hearse?" The man answered, "My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my wife when the dog turned and bit her and she died." A poignant and thoughtful silence passes between the two men. Finally "Sir could I borrow that dog?" "Get in Line." SEE YOU AT THE MEETING, MIKE!

# From THE Desk OF...



## Wallys' Diary

For you surfers here are some URL'S that you might want to look at.

.log

<http://lapasserelle.com/lm>

<http://members.aol.com/divtune>

<http://fun.westhost.com>

<http://www.TheNakedPC.com>

<http://PoorRichard.com/newsltr/>

<http://www.audiobible.com/>

<http://www.crayon.net/using/links>

<http://www.dejanews.com>

<http://www.usatoday.com>

<http://www.suntimes.com/index>

<http://www.jcwhitney.com>

<http://www.mayohealth.org/index>

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<http://www.washtimes.com/news/news3.html>

<http://www.countdown9199.com/>

<http://www.TheNakedPC.com>

<http://www.stlcu.com>

<http://pcjournal.com>

I do not know whether Odie will print this, but if any of the URL'S are wrong it is Odie's fault. I printed them all correct for Odie, the Editor.

Editors' Notice to this insult: The editor is angry!

## Views From the Editors

### *"When 'perfect' Really Isn't"*

Perfectionism is not confined to a particular age, sex, or ethnic group. Perfectionists range from the over-achieving child who labels him/herself a failure because he/she did not get the score on a math test to the middle-aged executive who is always behind schedule because reports and other materials must be perfect before she/he will deliver them. "When we set performance standards for ourselves that are unreachable, we labor under the curse of perfectionism," says Robert Woolfork, an assistant professor of psychology at Rutgers University in New Jersey, and the author of 'Stress, Sanity, and Survival.' Perfectionism is not always about the pursuit of high quality. For those who measure their self-worth by their achievements, it is more like the compulsive quest of impossible goals and the fear of making mistakes or being wrong.

Perfectionist tend to react defensively to criticism and are likewise overly critical of others. Their behavior can repel coworkers, create barriers to good relationships, and ultimately result in the very thing they fear—disapproval and alienation. David Seamands, author of 'healing for Damaged Emotions' describes perfectionism as a "constant and all pervasive feeling of never

quite measuring up...a super sensitivity to the approval and disapproval of others."

Tempering perfectionism is a good idea, but not easy. Behavior experts recommend that its practitioners simply aim for a good, solid performance. The feeling that comes from being more relaxed and confident about reaching a realistic goal can lead to greater creativity and productivity.

Giving up perfectionism does not mean giving up doing a good job. It's more a process of understanding that things do not need to be flawless in order to be acceptable. It also requires learning some new phrases: "Oh well," "I do not know," and "I made a mistake" are good starters.

edited from the Rotarian, March 1997

*Did you ever notice, that the weaker the argument, the stronger the words?*

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Adversity brings knowledge,  
and knowledge brings wisdom.  
-- Welsh Proverb



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**Happy Birthday!**  
**Gene Brandt; February 17th**

## **Membership Report**

**Odie Farris, III**

*There was quite a disturbance among the officers in the last several weeks. We are approaching 60 members. I would like to suggest that everyone take part in asking another "curious computer user" to attend one of our meetings. In fact I think the old Pres would allow time for you to introduce to the group the person or persons you may bring. When you bring someone have brief presentation to give to us of your guest. Where he/she works, how many kids, retired, how you met, and even give his/her speciality in computers.*

## **Treasurer's Report**

**Danald Wold**

Balance On Jan 1, 1999...\$795.95  
INCOME:  
DOM Zip Disks &  
CD.....\$27.00  
Membership.....\$45.00  
50/50 Drawing.....\$16.00  
Total Income January.....\$88.00

EXPENSES:  
January Newsletter.....\$28.20  
Postage.....\$19.85  
Total Expenses: .....\$48.05  
CURRENT BALANCE AS OF  
FEB 1, 1999.....\$808.90

## **Gateway Computer Club**

**February 3, 1999**

**By; Wally C. Maier**

*Business Meeting of the GATEWAY  
COMPUTER CLUB:*

*The meeting at Ryans Steak House at  
6:00 PM.*

*Officer Role Call:*

*[x] President:.....Mike Taphorn  
[x] Vice President:.....Jim Tomlison  
[x] Secretary:.....Wallace Maier  
[x] Treasurer:.....Donald Wold  
[x] Membership:.....Jasper Spears  
[x] Librarian:.....Bill Dersossett  
[x] Editor:.....Odie Farris, III*

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Club CD'S.....\$15.00  
Zip Disk.....\$15.00  
Web CD.....\$5.00*

*New Business:*

*We discussed pro rating the dues to come due in January 1, 2000. But it was not final so it looks like we will keep it as is for now.*

*We are going to use a better grade paper on the newsletter. Hopefully the post office machines will not eat these up.*

*~~~~~  
DEMO*

*Motherboard upgrade and demo*

*~~~~~  
Keep your eyes open for those rebates and two for one deals for our raffle.*

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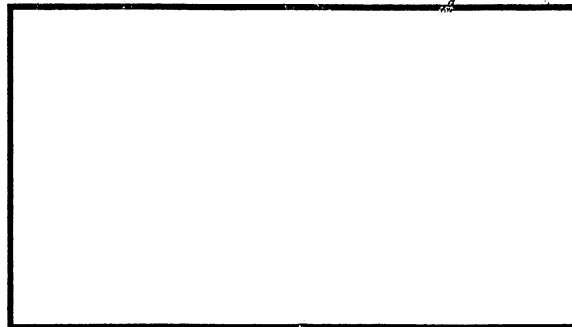
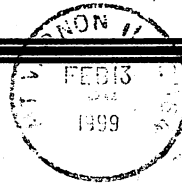
Next Board Meeting

March 3, 1999

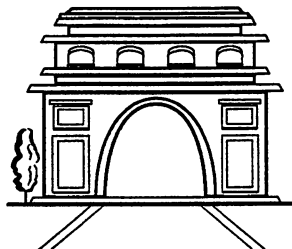
Ryans Steak House

6:00 P.M.

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# Bits & Chips



Hello From The Pres...

## GATEWAY DISCOUNT

So far I have helped two people by computers and I saved each of them around \$40-\$50. If anyone is interested in purchasing a new computer from Gateway Computers (formerly Gateway 2000), let me know and I'll give you my 3% discount.

## LAST MONTH'S DEMO

Last month Jim did a hardware demonstration while I did a scanner setup demonstration. I think both demo's went great and everyone got to jump back and forth and learn a little.

## THIS MONTH'S DEMO

Since Jim Tomlinson has done the last couple demonstrations, we decided to give him a day off.

J.C. Spelce has offered to give a demo of Microsoft Powerpoint. If you are not familiar with Powerpoint, it is a presentation program that allows you to make slides and animation's and integrate them together to do a visual presentation using an overhead display. The last demo that J.C. gave was great and I'm sure he will have another exciting and informative demo this Month.

## COMPUTER CLASSES

### ANYONE?

I recently received a phone call from the New Horizons Computer Learning Center in St. Louis and they have offered us an amazing deal. They will give any member that calls them a free day of training [the member can pick any class from their list]. If any of the members decide to take additional classes, they will give us a cash referral fee that we can add to the treasury. I have their business cards, maps, brochures and I'll bring them to the meeting. If you are interested in calling before the meeting, the person I spoke with was Philip Morioles. His phone number is [314] 429-3311 X 196. IT PAYS TO BE A MEMBER...

## 50/50 PRIZES NEEDED

I ask ALL members to pickup free goodies from stores and full rebate items!

## WEB SITE IS UP AND

### RUNNING!

If you have not seen it yet, go to [www.signalhill.net/gcc](http://www.signalhill.net/gcc). Bob Havlin has also put together a discussion list and a GCC mailing list. We are planning on putting a members e-mail list on the site. If you would like to keep your e-mail off the list, please e-mail Bob at [RHavlin@Signalhill.net](mailto:RHavlin@Signalhill.net).

I would like to Thank Bob for helping get the site together and I am sure it will be a great asset to our club as new info is added in the future.

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

70 year old George went to his Medical Doctor for his annual physical. All his test cam back with normal results. Dr. Smith said, "George, everything looks great physically. How are you doing mentally and emotionally?" Are you at peace with yourself and do you have a good relationship with your God?" George replied, "God and me are tight, He knows I have poor eyesight, so he has fixed it so that when I get up in the middle of the night to go the the bathroom [poof] the light goes on when I pee, and then [poof] the light goes off when I am done."

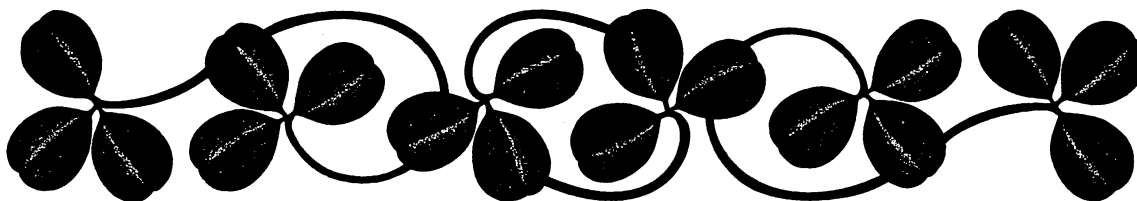
"Wow," commented Dr. Smith, "that's incredible!"

A little later in the day Dr. Smith called George's wife. "Thelma", he said, "George is just fine." "Physically he is great." "But I had to call because I am in awe of his relationship with God. Is it true that he gets up during the night and [poof]! the light goes on in the bathroom, and then [poof] the light goes off?" Thelma exclaimed, "That old fool! He has been peeing in the refrigerator again!"

## SEE YOU AT THE MEETING

**Mike**





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**Gerald Lewallen 3/31**  
**Odie Farris, III 3/28**

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***Odie Farris, III***

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## **Treasurer's Report**

**Danald Wold**

Bal. On Feb 1, 1999.....\$835.90  
INCOME:  
DOM Zip Disks &  
CD.....\$70.00  
Membership.....\$45.00  
50/50 Drawing.....\$17.00  
Total Income FEB.....\$132.00  
EXPENSES:  
Blank Checks.....\$15.06  
Feb. Newsletter..... \$00.00  
Postage.....\$20.40  
Total Expenses: .....\$35.46  
CURRENT BALANCE AS OF  
March1, 1999.....\$932.44

## ***Gateway Computer Club***

***March 3, 1999***

***By; Wally C. Maier***

*Business Meeting of the GATEWAY  
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*The meeting at Ryan's Steak House  
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[x] Librarian:.....Bill Dersossett  
[x] Editor:.....Odie Farris, III*

*New Business:*

*We discussed the demo for the March Meeting; PowerPoint 97 by J.C. Spelce; April Meeting; Office 2000 by Mike Taphorn; May Meeting; Microsoft Access 97 by Odie Farris. Also, discussion on the pros and cons for putting club members on web pages. For security and privacy it was recommended that on the name and e-mail address be on the webpage.*

*We are going to come up with a welcome kit or packet of info about our club for new members. Bylaws of GCC are being reedited. Mike will write an article requesting any member NOT wanting their name on our web page to reply requesting their preference. Otherwise their name and e-mail address will be on our site.*

# From Desk



## Wallys' Diary

### Upgrades That Make Sense.

#### Adding Drive Storage Space.

**By Ken Fermoye. [Edited]**

Women say: "you cannot be too thin, too rich, or have too many silk blouses." A computer corollary might be that a system cannot be too fast, have too much RAM or too much hard disk capacity. One could argue the first premise in both cases. Being too thin might mean anorexia, which is not good, and a computer can have faster, more expensive CPU than its owner needs. There can be no argument however, that you no longer need to be rich to afford lots of RAM and drive storage space. [I have not priced silk blouses lately]. The entry level for RAM now is 32MB and many new machines offer 64MB. Going to 128MB or more may be indicated for servers or some high-end tasks, but is probably overkill for most of us right now. Running out of storage space often is one of the first limitations you run into with an older computer, especially in these days of even bigger software programs. Fortunately, remedies today are easy, inexpensive and varied. Large-capacity Ultra DMA [Direct Memory Access] drives can replace, or be used in addition to, existing hard drives in many

computers. SCSI [small computer Systems Interface] hard drives are expensive, very fast, come in many varieties. But require a special interface board. Removable-cartridge Zip and Jaz drives from Iomega can be mounted internally or externally [connected thru a parallel port. High-capacity drive, such as the 120 MB Super Drive, can replace traditional 3.5" floppy drives. CD-RW [rewriteable disk drives] are coming on the scene but are still pricey. All have good and bad points. Ultra DMA drives these days provide huge capacities, are inexpensive [as little as 5 to ten cents per megabyte], generally easy to install and are as fast as some SCSI drives. They double disk read and write speeds of earlier DMA drives from 16.6MB per second to 33.3MB/sec drives. [Some UDMA drives that support 66.6MB/sec are coming, may be available by the time you read this; they require an 80 pin version has added ground wires to reduce crosstalk]. UDMA also allows data transfer to take place with very little CPU involvement, which can mean better overall system performance. A very few UDMA drives have had problems and buyers should be aware of a few cautions, but I believe they are the best current choices for mass storage in typical home or small office systems. SCSI drives come in a bewildering number of categories: wide, fast-wide, ultra 2 LVD [low Voltage Differential.] They need SCSI boards of varying types [and price] to provide maximum performance. Frankly, I feel that SCSI drives are great for servers, serious game-players, multimedia or high-end graphics work and heavy-duty publishing or video editing.

## **Editors View's**

### Ego-Killing Evaluations:

Actual quotes from employee performance evaluations:

- ♦ "This young lady has delusions of adequacy."
- ♦ "Since my last report, he has reached rock bottom and has started to dig."
- ♦ "When she opens her mouth, it seems that this is only to change whichever foot was previously in there."
- ♦ "His men would follow him anywhere, but only out of morbid curiosity."
- ♦ "She sets low personal standards and then consistently fails to achieve them."

## **Say What You Mean!**

Signs Posted in the United States:

- ♦ Loan company: "Ask about our plans for owning your home."
- ♦ In a Florida maternity Ward: "No Children Allowed."
- ♦ Sign in a New York medical building: "Mental Health Prevention Center."

Clothing store: "15 men's wool suits, \$10; they won't last a hour."

Be not simply good; be good for something.

-- Henry David Thoreau

The advantage of the emotions is that they lead us astray.

-- Oscar Wilde

by Odie Farris, III

# Gateway Computer Club

## Next Meeting:

March 17, 1999 7:00 P.M.

## Location:

At Caseyville Township Building

10001 Bunkum Road

Fairview Heights, Illinois

call Mike at [618] 345-2197; James at [618] 624-3872; or Wally [618] 286-0215

for directions.

Visitors are Always welcome at our meeting on the third Wednesday of every Month

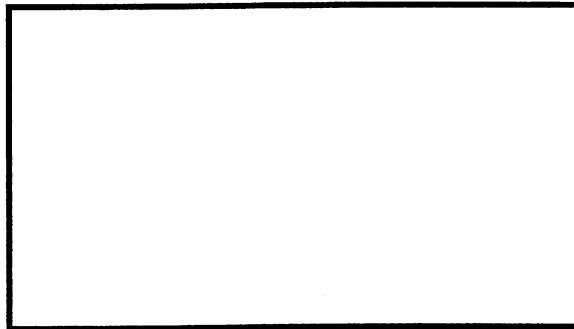
## Next Board Meeting

April 3, 1999

Ryans Steak House

6:00 P.M.

Gateway Computer Club  
Mike Taphorn  
101 Spring Glen  
Collinsville, Illinois 62234



# Bits & Chips

Hello  
Pres.....!



## GCC Logo Contest

Does anyone know what the GCC logo looks Like? I will bet that most of you that are new to the club have never seen the logo that we use on T-shirts and Hats years ago. Anyway, we'd like to update our image and have a nice logo for the Website so we're going to have a Gateway Computer Club Logo Contest. If you have any good ideas for a logo, please bring them to the April and May Meetings so we can take a look at them and decide which logo we should use as we go into the next century & beyond...

## GCC LOGO ITEMS

Speaking of LOGO'S, the board members and I were talking at the last board meeting and we were wondering if anyone would be interested in having some T\_Shirts, Hats, Coffee Mugs or Mouse pads with the Gateway Computer Club Logo on them. We were actually thinking about giving each new member a mouse pad with our logo and information as a small "welcome to

To The Club" Gift. We'll talk about that at the April meeting, so **PLEASE** think about it and let us know what you think at the meeting

## THIS MONTHS DEMO

This month, we're going to have an Office 2000 demo. It is quite large and we had to go to our backup demonstrator to get a computer with enough room to install it, but we will have an Office 2000 demonstration at the April Meeting. It should be very exciting. Why, because it is supposed to have some nice & new features and an improved Outlook 2000 program that many people use to organize their lives and their E-mail.

## COMPUTER CLASSES

### ANYONE?

I talked to Philip at New Horizons and a few of our members are signing up for the classes. I may have him come to a future meeting and give us a demonstration/sales pitch to explain exactly what they have to offer and what we get for free being members of the Club. I have some new brochures and I'll bring them to the meeting.

## OUR WEB SITE NEEDS

### YOUR ARTWORK!!!!

Our web site needs some exciting

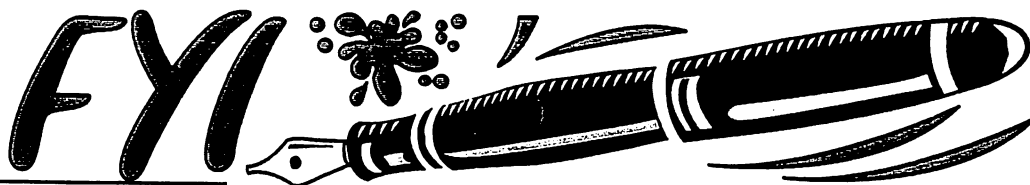
artwork and pictures to liven it up. If anyone has a camera and a scanner or a digital camera, please bring your cameras to the next meeting and we'll take some snapshots that we can put on the website. Or if you have any good artwork that would liven up the site, send it to Bob at.

[RHavlin@Signalhill.net](mailto:RHavlin@Signalhill.net) IF you have not seen it yet, go to [www.signalhill.net/gcc](http://www.signalhill.net/gcc)

### CHECK IT OUT!!!!

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

A Doctor, Nurse and a CEO of a HMO were sent to heaven. St. Peter met them at the gate to see if they were worthy to enter. When asked about his accomplishments, the doctor said that he had saved many patients and helped many people, so St. Peter opened the gate and let him in. The Nurse was next and she said that she had gone behind the doctor and cleaned up all his messes and that she had always been very kind to her patients. St. Peter let her in the gate with a pat on the shoulder. The CEO of the HMO said that he had provided health care for many people and helped to contain the costs of health care. St. Peter opened the gate and said, "You may come in, but you have to leave n 2 days!



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John Price 4/23

Pat Whalen 4/16

Randall Wimore 4/16

Scott Rayho 4/17

Richard Collins 4/13

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## Treasurer's Report

Donald A. Wold

**Balance as of March 1, 1999:**  
**\$932.44**

### INCOME:

**50/50 Drawing:.....\$17.00**  
**CD Sales:.....\$55.00**  
**Advertising:.....\$10.00**  
**Membership.....\$105.00**

**Total Income.....\$187.00**

### EXPENSES:

**Postage:.....\$19.20**  
**Newsletter.....\$12.00**

**Total Expenses:.....\$31.20**

**Current Balance as of April 1,**  
**1999**  
**\$1088.24**

## Gateway Computer Club

April 7, 1999

**By; Wally C. Maier**

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*[x] Editor:.....Odie Farris,*

*[A] Member at Large.....Dave Epps*

*New Business:*

*Well, we are going to have a great meeting this month. We do not have the demo set up yet but we are working on that. We were setting up a demo [Office 2000] but the computer that we were to use did not have enough room to run the program. So therefore, I am working on a different angle!!!!*

*Nate Price is planning to bring his new Christmas present. He received from Santa a new digital camera and we are to demonstrate its virtues. Then we will see what those digital cameras are all about or find out what they are not about!!! We might even put some noticeable pictures of me and the Pres on our web page!!!!*

# From THE Desk OF...



## Wallys' Diary

### Y2K for your VCR:

Here is something I will betcha you have never thought would be an issue for Y2K. You will not be able to use the programed recording feature on most VCR's. Do not throw away your VCR in the year 2000. Set it in 1972 because the days will be the same. Please pass this on because you know the manufactures will not share this information. They want you to buy a new VCR that is Y2K compliant. Here is a sample chart for what years to use until 2050 (if you still have that VCR running)

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Year 2000 | Use 1972 |
| 2001      | Use 1973 |
| 2002      | 1974     |
| 2003      | 1975     |
| 2004      | 1976     |
| 2005      | 1977     |
| 2006      | 1978     |
| 2007      | 1979     |

You have an idea of the schedule. In the year 2028 the pattern starts over again at 1972

HAPPY VCRing!!!

Act quickly, think slowly.

-- Greek Proverb

## Editors View's

By

Odie Farris, III

As we look to Windows 2000, which now is supposed to be made available in October or November or December of this year, let us look at its cost. The very low end of 2000 cost about \$450.00. The high end which has everything, runs at \$850.00 and is called Windows 2000 Premier. So what!!! So now, we have IE 5 together, Windows 98 is maybe making sense and now comes along windows 2000 with requires about, If I remember correctly, requires about 150 mb of free space just to run it on no less than a 350 mhz computer. Well, we are now prepared to purchase the latest 500mhz machine with all bells and whistles and perhaps receive a copy of Windows 2000.. Well, I have been using my best 5th grade math and I could easily run up a deficit spending spree on what I would like to have.

Example, an 18 inch flat panel monitor for just \$3199.00 plus tax shipping and handling, and the words on the box "just for this Sucker." who likes to be the first on a large city block, or in some peoples area the first farm or village resident in a 35 mile

area to have one {sucker}. I can see myself now, trying to figure out Windows 2000, trying to figure out my 500 mhz machine, trying to figure out my best view on my monitor, trying to figure out what I am doing, trying to figure out if I should go cable modem and trying to figure out is it all worth it. Especially, when my FIRST cable bill comes in at, listen, with what I have now and a cable modem connect at exactly \$278.00. I have checked. Monthly, my cable modem for my computer would cost me about \$40.00 with taxes. They do not tell you that!!! Since cable is not regulated by the city or federal government, I can just imagine what their cost would go up to. But, we need to keep up. I think soon windows 3.0 will be a relic and nothing new will run there and a 166mhz computer and 15 inch monitor will be nothing more than used for a word processor by a 3rd grade student.

Odie Farris, III, Editor

The art of living is more like that of wrestling than of dancing; the main thing is to stand firm and be ready for an unseen attack.

-- Marcus Aurelius

# Gateway Computer Club

NEXT MEETING:

APRIL 21, 1999 7:00 P.M.

LOCATION:

AT CASEYVILLE TOWNSHIP BUILDING

10001 BUNKUM ROAD

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

CALL MIKE AT [618] 345-2197; JAMES AT [618] 624-3872; OR WALLY

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FOR DIRECTIONS.

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Next Board Meeting

May 5, 1999

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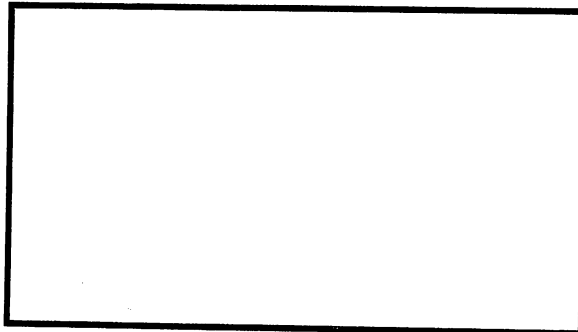
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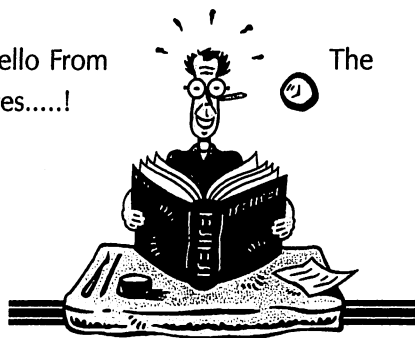
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# Bits & Chips

Hello From  
Pres.....!



## GCC LOGO CONTEST UPDATE

I have inside information that at least three or four submissions have been made to the contest by various members of the Club. If anyone else wants to get in on the competition, there is still time. Any logos will be accepted at the May meeting. We'll need to decide at the May meeting if we want to keep the contest open until June, I would like to get as many submissions as possible and then vote on which one we like the best. Anyway we do it, the winner will receive a one year membership free. A fifteen dollar value. So get your ideas on paper or disk and bring them to the May meeting. I will have my laptop to display any electronic images on the overhead.

## NEW NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

I am not sure if the postmaster in Mt. Vernon (Odie's place) doesn't like us or what, but the newsletter takes longer to get from Odie's place to our houses than they did from Larry's house down south. We have been getting our newsletter

right before the meeting and the board members and I wanted to get them out a little earlier. So, I took the first step and I wrote this article and emailed to Odie a week in advance. Odie promised the board that he would have them copied, stamped and mailed by Wednesday May 12th. Also, the newsletters will be sealed by tape to try to prevent tearing. Hopefully, you will be reading our Newsletter days before the meetings. Now, everyone will have time to call your friends and bring them to our meetings.

## LAST MONTHS DEMO

Last month's OFFICE 2000 demo fell thru the computer cracks. Other demonstrations were successfully presented. We had talking computers and digital cameras. If you want to see the results of our digital photos, just go the website ([www.signalhill.net/gcc](http://www.signalhill.net/gcc)). Of interest are club mugshots of carefully "selected members." Send any other pictures or interesting tidbits to Bob Havlin: [RHavlin@Signalhill.net](mailto:RHavlin@Signalhill.net) Bob will add your tidbit to our website.

## THIS MONTHS DEMO

This months' demo will cover the database portion of the Microsoft Office 97 Suite, Microsoft Access. Odie will talk of beginning and intermediate guides to Access. I will pitch in and help when he gets stuck and everyone else will be able at anytime add to the presentation. Odie has a great demo planned and I just want him to realize that we all will be there to teach each other this difficult program.

## NEW STUFF IS

### STARTING TO SHOW UP

I found a few things at COMP-USA and they had full rebates. I am sure everyone out there in membership land has been looking and buying helpful "stuff" for 50/50 prizes. Keep up the good work.

## SPEECH RECOGNITION SOFTWARE DEMO

I purchased a speech recognition program and tried unsuccessfully to install on a friends computer. The dilemma is: I was tardy with the rebate (\$30 error). I will keep you updated. If I can send in late a rebate and receive money from a late rebate, I will counsel those who made my mistake and did not receive any money.

## JOKE OF THE MONTH

A Woman gets home, runs into her house, slams the door and says to her husband; "Honey, pack your bags, I just won the lottery!!" The husband says; "Wow!! That is just great!!" "Should I pack for the ocean or should I Pack for the Mountains?" The wife says: "I don't care, Just get the hell out of here."

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MIKE





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## **Happy Birthday!**

**J.C. Spelce Jr. May 12th**  
**Everett Truttmann; May 29**

## **Wally & Humor**

*A blonde went to her mail box several times way before it was time for the mailman to make his/her rounds. A neighbor noticed her repeated trips to the curb and asked if she was waiting for a special delivery. Blonde replied "no, my computer keeps telling me I have Mail."*

### **Editors Note:**

*If at anytime a member of our Club, because of his/her honorable reputation, wants to protest Wally's jokes please post your replies on our web page. Or just feel before reading that his jokes just might carry a e-mail computer virus worst that Marisa. Ha, Ha.*

## **Treasurer's Report** **Donald A. Wold**

**Balance as of April 1, 1999:**  
**\$1,088.24**

### **INCOME:**

**50/50 Drawing:.....\$28.00**  
**Membership.....\$30.00**  
**Total Income.....\$58.00**

### **EXPENSES:**

**Postage:.....\$34.40**  
**Newsletter:**  
**March.....\$12.40**  
**April.....\$12.87**  
**Advertising(place ad).....\$25.00**

**Total Expenses:.....\$92.67**

**Current Balance as of May 1, 1999**  
**\$1,053.57**

## **Gateway Computer Club**

**May 5, 1999**

**Wally C. Maier, Secretary**

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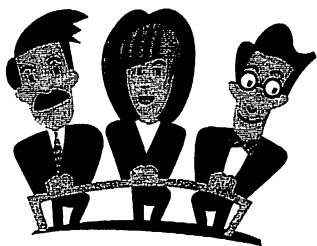
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*[x] Editor:.....Odie Farris,*  
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*Nine members attended the Meeting.*

*We were honored to have a visitor all the way from Channing, Michigan, former treasurer, Joe P. Whalen. He stopped by to visit at our meeting and to visit with family. Other visitors were J.C. Spelce and Bob Havlin. New members are Monroe & Louise Wilson. They received a terrific deal from Gateway Computers with the assistance of Mike Taphorn. I believe that they have the fastest system in our group! Odie is busy preparing for his demo this month on Microsoft Access. I am looking forward to this program. Access has been a problem for me and I hope to learn more about this complicated database program*  
**LOOK!! LOOK!!! LOOK!!!!**

*Look at the club webpage and see some of the results of the Demo last Month!!!!*

**<www.signalhill.net/gcc>**

# From THE Desk OF...



## General Meeting of The Gateway Computer Club by Secretary, Wally C. Maier April 21, 1999

Wow we are growing: We had 40 in attendance April 21th. That figure of 40 present represents 66% of our membership. Can we beat that. How about 100% . I will set a goal that we will reach 100% attendance before the summer ends. What does everyone think? Can we do it? I say YES!!! Well, we had demos by Nate Price. He brought with him his digital camera a Santa gift. Martin Bertulis brought his digital camera and we had a major photo event at our meeting. Most pictures will be placed on the web. J.C. Spelce gave us a few pointers on Microsoft Office 2000. We had a small demo on Microsoft Phone showing how it can read your e-mail and voice transfer to anyone. Pros; it can read any highlighted text and can be programed to use voice commands to control a computer.

### Drawings:

50/50-----Charles Garner  
Disks-----Marshall Bush  
Joystick-----Rusty Santen  
Game Pad-----Scott Rayho  
Game Pad-----Wally Maier

### NEW BUSINESS

We had several new CD's added to our library. Also, an ad with our name as a donor, was placed on Baseball Score Cards for the American Legion Post 978 summer youth baseball season. We are excited that we helped provide wholesome entertainment for youth.

### **REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR CLUB. PLEASE TELL US WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE AT THE MONTHLY DEMOS.**

Call Mike, President, at 345-2197; e-mail; miketap@aol.com: James, Vice President, 624-3872; e-mail; tom-linsj@apci.net: or me Wally, Secretary. 286-0215; e-mail, walwld@htc.net.

### **HAPPY COMPUTING!!!**

### **WALLY'S DIARY**

#### *A poem:*

*Every evening here in bed this tiny little  
Prayer keeps running thru my head.*

*God Bless my Mom and Dad*

*And Bless my little Pup*

*and look out for my brother*

*when things are not looking up.*

*And God, there is one more thing I wish*

*that you would do. Hope ya do not*

*mind me asking, But Please Bless my*

*"puter" too??*

*Now, I know that its not normal*

*To Bless a Mother Board But*

*Just listen a second*

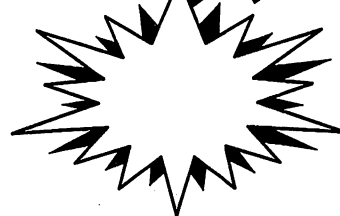
*While I "xplain" to ya, my Lord*

*You see, that little metal box*

*holds more than odds & ends*

*Inside those small compartments*

*Rest hundreds of my*



"Best Friends." Some it is true I have never seen. And most I have never met

We have never exchanged hugs, or shared a meal as yet...

I know for sure they like me by the kindness that they give, and this little scrap of metal is how I travel to where they live by Faith is how I know them Much the same as you and I share in what life brings them.

From that our friendship grew "PLEASE" take an extra minute from your duties up above to Bless this scrap of metal that's filled with so much Love!!!

### EDITOR'S VIEWS

Well, Lordy, Lordy, guess real quick who is the sucker who will try to explain Access... Anyway, I will start with a part for beginners and then go to intermediate. These are the terms colleges have used. Frankly, I call them both &^%#\$^&\*\*\*!!! It will only last about 30 to 45 minutes, if I am lucky. The demo could last just ten minutes. But when all is said and done the demo will be lot of fun.

**Always do right. This will gratify some people and astonish the rest.**

**-- Mark Twain**

# Gateway Computer Club

## NEXT MEETING:

MAY 19, 1999 7:00 P.M.

## LOCATION:

AT CASEYVILLE TOWNSHIP BUILDING

10001 BUNKUM ROAD

FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS

CALL MIKE AT [618] 345-2197; JAMES AT [618] 624-3872; OR WALLY

[618] 286-0215

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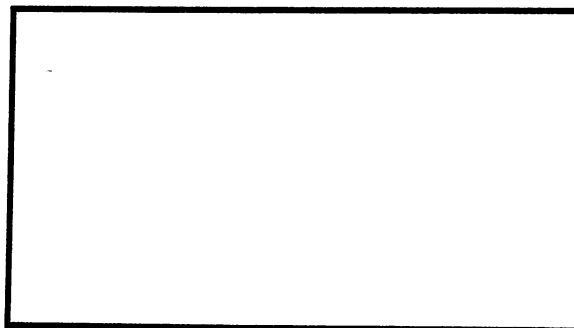
## Next Board Meeting

June 2, 1999

Ryans Steak House

6:00 P.M.

Gateway Computer Club  
Mike Taphorn  
101 Spring Glen  
Collinsville, Illinois 62234



## Bits & Chips

Hello From The Pres.....!



### GCC LOGO CONTEST UPDATE

We have at least six or seven entries for the Logo contest and I think they all look great. The contest was continued from the May meeting and the Membership will pick it's favorites from the submissions at the June meeting. If you have any ideas or logos to submit, bring them to the meeting and share them with the group. You may end up winning the free membership

### DEMONSTRATIONS

Last month Odie gave us a demo on Microsoft Access. This month, I am to review the new and improved features of Office 2000. I am not sure if I will be able to install the entire suite. So, the next option is to "hit" the highlights and show everyone what it looks like....

### CAN THE SPAM

I read an article in Consumer Reports the other day. I read something that I think will be of serious/factual interest

to the computing public. If you receive any unwanted E-mail messages (known as SPAM), there are agencies that will help rid the Web of mass E-mail offenders. If you get messages concerning illegal pyramids, forward then to [pyramid@ftc.gov](mailto:pyramid@ftc.gov). If the spam concerns stock scams, forward to [cyber-fraud@nanaa.org](mailto:cyber-fraud@nanaa.org) and [enforcement@sec.gov](mailto:enforcement@sec.gov). For suspected mail fraud, send spam to the U>S> Postal Service at: [fraud@usps.gov](mailto:fraud@usps.gov). Spam involving drugs or their health products should be forwarded to [otcfraud@cder.fda.gov](mailto:otcfraud@cder.fda.gov). Hopefully if we all forward or SPAM to these sites, the future will contain fewer annoying E-mail's and more messages from our friends and family members.

### NEW STUFF IS STARTING

#### TO SHOW UP!!!

Sorry to beg, but PLEASE bring some "stuff" for the 50/50 drawing. We are running extremely low on give away prizes and I think that the drawing is one of the most popular at the meeting. (especially if I'm giving the demo.)

#### WE NEED YOU!!!!

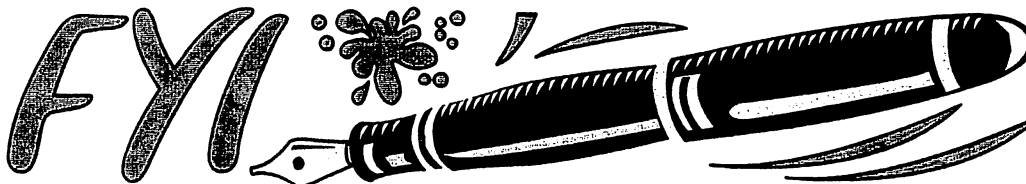
As most of you with E-mail know, we are in need of a Membership Chairperson. This position requires the individual maintain the membership list and keep Odie informed of changes in home address, E-mail addresses or new members in our club. This position is very important in that your list is the

list required to keep an accurate count of members for the President, Secretary & Editor.

### JOKE OF THE MONTH

Hillary Clinton went into a pet shop and found a beautiful, colorful parrot. "Does this parrot talk?" she asked. "Yes, he does," the manager told her. "But why is this one only \$50 and all the others are \$500?" she asked. "Well, ma'am," the manager told her, "not everyone would want to own this parrot. He spent many years in a house of prostitution and his language is terrible." "Well, I want him," Hillary said. "Suit yourself," the manager shrugged. When she got the parrot back to the White House, she uncovered the cage and admired the colorful bird. The parrot tilted his head to one side, looked her straight in the eye and said, "New house, new madam." Hillary laughed. Soon Chelsea and a friend came in and began admiring the bird. New house, new prostitutes," the parrot observed. At first they were offended but when Hillary explained about the bird's history, Chelsea, too laughed at him. A few minutes later the president entered the living quarters. The parrot looked up from his feeder and said, "Hi Bill!"

**MIKE**



## The Club

The Gateway Computer Club is a not for profit Organization of like-minded Computer Users. Membership fee is \$15.00 per year. Members receive access to the clubs' public domain library, educational programs, literature and our monthly newsletter, "Bits & Chips."

Direct all membership applications and questions to the "Gateway Computer Club" c/o Mike Taphorn, President; 101 Spring Glen; Collinsville Illinois; 62864. Email miketap@aol.com

Only public domain programs are kept in the G.C.C.. Reproduction of copyrighted Software is not promoted nor tolerated at club functions.

Please direct all submissions & advertising to The Editor; Odie Farris, III; 1021 Southgate Dr. Apt 8H; Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864.  
Phone: [618] 246-0026; email: f430rris@midwest.net. Rates are; Full Page \$15.00; quarter page, \$3.75; Half Page; \$7.50.  
If questions arise about ANY other use of our newsletter, call

## Happy Birthday!

Paul Walsh: June 22  
Carma J. Shetterly: June 3  
Ruth Shaw: June 9  
Earl Salmons: June 12  
John Jordan: June 2  
John Hubbard: June 10  
Lester Germann: June 8  
Kathrin Jethro: June 27

## Five Signs It's Time To Buy a New PC.

- [1] The motherboard has gone to the great junkyard in the sky.
  - [2] The graphics controller is built into the motherboard.
  - [3] The cmos battery is soldered to the motherboard.
  - [4] It has no available expansion Bays.
  - [5] It suffered a fatal power spike.
- Thinking of purchasing a 550mhz pentium 3 or a 450 celeron. Thinking about ways to be informed if your computer is now a "lost Cause."*
- The Editor Views section looks at ways and symtoms of an older computer. I briefly explain troubleshooting your PC. The article comes from the magazine 'Home Office Computing', May edition*

## Treasurer's Report Donald A. Wold

### Balance as of MAY 1, 1999:

**\$1,053.57**

### INCOME:

50/50 Drawing:.....\$15.00

Membership.....\$90.00

**Total Income.....\$105.00**

### EXPENSES:

Postage:.....\$26.40

Newslettrr:

May Printing.....**\$12.01**

**Total Expenses:.....\$38.01**

**Current Balance as of June 1, 1999**

**\$1,120.16**

## Gateway Computer Club

June 2, 1999

**Wally C. Maier, Secretary**

*Business Meeting of the GATEWAY  
COMPUTER CLUB:*

*The meeting at Ryan's Steak House  
at 6:00 PM.*

*Officer Role Call:*

[x] President:.....Mike Taphorn

[x] Vice President.....Jim Tomlison

[x] Secretary:.....Wallace Maier

[x] Treasurer:.....Donald Wold

[x] Webmaster:.....Bob Havlin

[A] Librarian:.....Bill Dersossett

[A] Editor:.....Odie Farris,

[A] Member at Large.....Dave Epps

*Bob Havlin will contact*

*Computer Renaissance to see if Toby Griggs will be able to provide a demo. We will be having a vote on the LOGO contest, June 16th. Then the board will select one to use for the regular club logo and the other entries perhaps, for hats or shirts.*

*We have a total of seven entries. We will accept any submissions until the start of the meeting. So, get cracking and give your brain a workout.*

*OK? The planned DEMO is on Office 2000 for June 16th. Guess who we need?!!!! We need a volunteer as <Membership Chairman>*

*Jasper had a conflict and had to resign. We Thank Jasper for having the courage to volunteer. What about our club having a "tailgate party?" Or is someone satisfied with our picnic in the park? The idea is that we could meet in the parking lot outside our meeting place cook eat-able food and come inside to eat. I think personally it would be embarrassing for someone to see what we*

# From THE Desk OF

*hungry computer club members eat what at one time was called food. Let Mike or me, Wally, know of your concerns.*

*Do you have favorite URL'S?*

*Send to Bob Havlin*

*at:rhavlin@signalhill.net*

## **General Meeting of the Gateway Computer Club May 19, 1999**

*Officer Role Call:*

*Present were: Mike Taphorn,*

*President: Jim Tomlinson, Vice*

*President: Wally Maier,*

*Secretary: Donald Wold,*

*Treasurer: Bill Derosssett,*

*Librarian: Jasper Spears, Past*

*Membership Chairman: Odie*

*Farris, III, Editor.*

*29 members attended. Our guest was **Hunter Dunn** Among her activities, poet and playwright.*

*Her concern; "Ever time I learn how to be proficient with my word processing, a new update would come out and cause more confusion". Well...Hunter welcome to the like-minded masses. Windows has been doing that same thing to us for years.*

*Check out our web-site folks!!!!*

## **DRAWINGS**

*50/50.....Paul Walsh*

*Tool Kit.....Scott Rayho*

*CD Walle:.....Carlos Mariles*

*Air/Charge Cleaner:.....Lester German.*

*Mouse:.....Farris Jackson*

*Modem & Joystick.....Odie Farris*

**WELCOME TO OUR CLUB**

**HUNTER DUNN!!!!**

## **EDITOR'S VIEW'S**

### **Just TroubleShoot Me**

**by Dave Johnson**

### **Home Office Computing**

### **Magazine, May Edition**

### **Editing done by Odie Farris**

*It's been said there are two types of computer users: those who have had a serious system crash at the worst possible moment, and those who will. Of course, there is no good time for a PC or peripheral to fail, but you can lay odds that when yours does, you will be on a critical deadline. Although your computer is fairly reliable it is also fiendishly complicated. Anything with moving parts, like your hard disk, will eventually wear out and fail. And each of the millions of lines of code that makes up today's software applications is a land mine waiting to be stepped on by other publisher's software. The good news is that before equipment keels over completely, it usually issues a distress signal. The bad news is that it can be tough to figure out what you PC is trying to tell you. Now, I the editor, will cover a few warning signs as space will allow. [1] General protection error or this program has performed an illegal operation and will be shut down. Despite the warning, no one is being protected, and no crime has been committed.*

*These messages indicate that two programs tried writing data to the same memory location simultaneously. It may sound minor, but it is enough to crash your PC. Generally you can not prevent this problem unless the software publishers offer updates or bug fixes (check their web sites). You might also get some help from the crash-helmet or problem-interception tools in Symantec's SystemWorks (\$70) and Network Associates' McAfee Office.*

*[2] DLL is invalid or corrupt. If you see this message on your screen, the program you were trying to start probably won't run. The cause? Since the last time you ran it, you probably installed a new application that uses a dynamic link library [DLL] file with the same name as the one this program uses. The two DLL's are incompatible, and that is making the older program crash. One solution is to reinstall the older program. Another is to contact both software companies to find out if either offers a patch or workaround for this problem.*

**All things grow with  
time - except grief.  
-- Jewish Proverb**

# Gateway Computer Club

## NEXT MEETING:

JUNE 16, 1999 7:00 P.M.

## LOCATION:

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10001 BUNKUM ROAD

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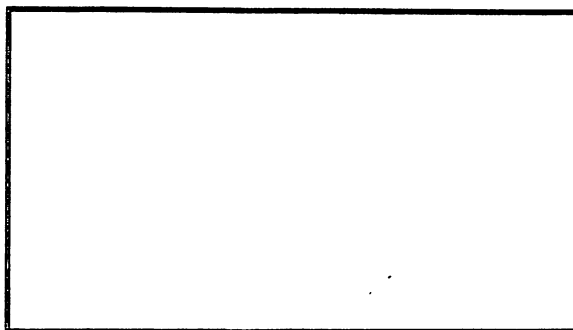
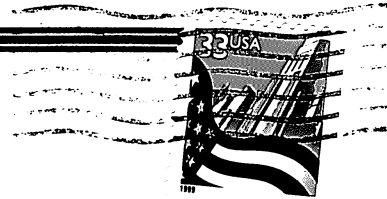
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July 7, 1999

Ryans Steak House

6:00 P.M.

Gateway Computer Club  
Mike Taphorn  
101 Spring Glen  
Collinsville, Illinois 62234



# GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB NEWS LETTER

JULY 1999

Well we have made it through the hot week end. Pres. Clinton did his appearance at East St Louis.

Odie is in the hospital, so I will try to put out a newsletter of sorts.

We have a new LOGO for the club. But to conserve server space I won't include them in this letter.

Check our webpage  
<[www.signalhill.net/gcc](http://www.signalhill.net/gcc)>

## General Meeting of the GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB

June 16, 1999 W.C. Maier

President Mike Taphorn opened the meeting at  
7:10 p.m.:

### OFFICERS roll call:

[x] President: ~~~~~ Mike Taphorn  
[ ] Vice President: ~~~~~ Jim Tomlinson  
[x] Secretary: ~~~~~ Wallace Maier  
[x] Treasurer : ~~~~~ Donald Wold  
[x] Membership: ~~~~~ J.C. spelce Jr.  
(Jasper Spears) resigned  
[ x ] Librarian: ~~~~~ Bill Derossett  
[ ] Member at Large ~~~~~ Dave Epps  
[x] EDITOR : ~~~~~ Odie Farris

Well we have a new LOGO: The first place went to Keith Henerfauth, and Second place went to Donald Wold.

THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR ENTRIES  
Now we will have to do something special with them.

## OLD BUSINESS

Rich Collins is making a CD of some of the old Commodore programs; they will run on IBM format; So if you have any favorites you would like to be included contact him at  
<[richc@primary.net](mailto:richc@primary.net)>

## DRAWINGS

50 / 50 ~~~~~ Farris Jackson  
Joy stick ~~~~~ Teresa Fish  
Mouse ~~~~~ Donald Wold  
Flip File ~~~~~ Betty Feigenbutz  
Game Pad ~~~~~ Robert Hill

## DEMO

Our demo had to be restricted to the Laptop; Because Mike could not get the overhead projector. It still went on OK we crowded in close.

## NEW BUSINESS

We have a web site; although there isn't a lot on there GIVE US SOME IDEAS!

### WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE ON IT?

<[www.signalhill.net/gcc](http://www.signalhill.net/gcc)>

Contact Bob Havlin

[rhavlin@signalhill.net](mailto:rhavlin@signalhill.net)

## MISC

Odie is planning to attend a computer club in St. Louis, I'm sure that he will have a lot of new ideas he will bring back to our meetings.

Our DRAWING ITEMS are getting dangerously low; please keep your eyes open for those free deals that we can keep our drawings going.

## TAILGATE PARTY

We will setup a tailgate party for the September 15th meeting. We can meet early and cook any meat outside and we can eat inside. It can be potluck. More information as it develops.



◇◇◇◇GUESTS◇◇◇◇

There were 26 in attendance, we had two guests;  
Teresa Fish and Robert Hill both from  
Belleville.

WE WELCOME YOU!



TREASURER'S EPORT

Donald Wold

Balance as of June 1, 1999  
\$1120.16

INCOME:

|               |         |
|---------------|---------|
| 50/50 Drawing | \$14.00 |
| Membership    | \$14.00 |
| CD Sales      | \$45.00 |
| Total Income  | \$73.00 |
| \$1193.16     |         |

EXPENSES:

|                  |         |
|------------------|---------|
| Postage          | \$19.80 |
| Newsltr Printing | \$12.87 |
| Total Expenses   | \$32.67 |

Balance as of July 1, 1999  
\$1160.49



◇◇◇◇ENTERTAINEMENT◇◇◇◇

-- Stan Kann and the St. Louis Banjo Club will  
perform at the Lincoln Theatre in Belleville, IL  
on Saturday,

July 31 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the box  
office or by mail. Send a self-addressed stamped  
envelope to Lincoln Theatre Tickets

103 East Main Street, Belleville, IL 62220.

Mail orders must be received by July 21. For  
group

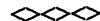
information, please call (618)233-0018 or (314)  
416-0146.



I just thought I would put in a plug on the  
above. Have you visited the LINCOLN  
THEATRE lately?

They have rebuilt the big pipe organ and on the  
weekends before the movie they play music  
before the show.

Last year I attended a special; silent movie with  
the sound effects accompanied by the organ.  
Just like the old days (before my time) It was a  
really enjoyable event.



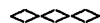
◇◇◇◇DID YOU KNOW?◇◇◇◇

Contrary to popular belief

Computers do not run on electricity

They run in preinstalled smoke

When that smoke comes out it quits working



The Last Word

< <http://www.last-word.com/> >

What questions weigh heavily on  
your mind? Think back to when you were a kid:  
what did you want to know about this Universe?

What answers did the adult world fail to  
provide? Here, you'll find over 450 questions (on  
scientific phenomena)

Answered in plain English.

Curiosity killed the cat, but since felines don't  
surf the Web, you have nothing to worry about.

I've always wanted to know if it is  
better to walk or run in the rain; now I know.

No more mysteries!



Gnome TIP

>From the "Somebody Please save  
Me" department: Lockergnomie Gord Braun has  
stumbled upon a good habit. "If you

Are typing a lengthy e-mail  
message, namely something that's really  
important, I strongly suggest pressing CTRL+S  
at

Regular intervals. This action  
should save a (temporary) copy of your work in  
the 'Drafts' folder in Outlook or Outlook

Express." This tip may also work  
in other e-mail programs (Eudora, Pegasus,  
Netscape, et al)... refer to your e-mail

Program's documentation to see if  
copies are automatically saved for messages  
which take a while to compose. This

Way, if something happens to your  
PC while you're in the middle of a message, all  
will not be lost. It's kinda like fire  
insurance -- only not as hot.



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W9x/NT FREE

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know you can use the 'Print Screen' key to  
capture a graphical snapshot of  
your current Desktop... so why download a  
separate utility to do it for you? Because--it's  
PrintKey 2000. I honestly think  
that this is the MOTHER of all screen capturing  
utilities; its on-the-fly image tweaking  
tools are very handy (adjust  
brightness, contrast, colors, image size, etc.).  
You'll want this 'key' player on your team.

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9.html](http://www.zdnet.com/swlib/hotfiles/musthave99.html)>

◇◇◇◇TIP◇◇◇◇  
Gnome TIP

From the "Confirm Alan One" department:  
Lockergnomic Anthony Lieuallen brings to light  
a tip to help those who have  
lost a potentially important option.  
"I once clicked on a ZIP file in Internet Explorer  
and un-checked 'Always ask before  
opening this type of file?'  
mistakenly. The option to save ZIP files never  
showed up again. I found that if you open up the  
Windows Explorer, select 'Folder  
Options' from the View menu, then select the  
'File Types' tab, you can locate the ZIP file  
association and Edit it. At that  
point, you can place a checkmark back into the  
'Confirm open after download' field. Once  
again, you will be prompted to  
open or save a file before downloading it."

◇◇◇HOT ITEM◇◇◇

Well here is a cheap reading program!  
It will read your email to you, and i beleive it is  
the MAGIC SPELL program that I have been  
useing through ICQ.

I think this version does not have to have ICQ  
installed on your system. That is a big plus  
because  
when I updated my ICQ program I had problems  
getting it to work.  
Anyhow get the free trial version and see. I use  
MAGIC SPELL every day.

<<http://www.4developers.com/talkmail/>>

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GovernMail v1.00 [1.5M] W9x/NT FREE

<ftp://ftp.simtel.net/pub/simtelnet/win95/inet/gvm1100.zip>

<http://www.vista-x.com/governmail/>

"Government officials work for themselves."

And if you believe that, you're wrong.  
By definition, they work for YOU and YOUR  
country's, state's, or province's best interests  
(hopefully).

But what's the easiest way to get in touch with  
them?

Electronically. GovernMail contains all US and  
International Government official contact  
information; its easy-to-use,  
Outlook/Explorer-like interface is refreshing.  
Your voice can (assumedly) be heard, but you  
have to speak . up first

◇◇◇MORE HUMOR◇◇◇

SPRING HILL, TN - A man was so incensed  
when his car died on him  
that he pulled out a military assault rifle and  
shot it, police  
say. The sight of the man firing the AK-47 at  
the empty car  
startled motorists. "I understand he unloaded  
three 30-round  
clips into the vehicle," Sheriff Enoch George  
said. Boyd Kelly,  
told police he was angry at the 1988 Oldsmobile  
for quitting on  
him.

[...a word of advice to his wife - Don't EVER tell  
him you have  
a headache!]

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SIGN UP FOR THIS IT IS GREAT  
HAVE YOU GOT THE PROBLEM, YOU ARE  
ON THE INTERNET AND SOMEONE  
NEEDS TO GET A MESSAGE  
TO YOU BUT THEY GOT A BUSY SIGNAL  
AND YOU DON'T HAVE A EXTRA PHONE  
LINE FORTHIS SITUATION.  
WELL HERE IS THE SOLUTION!  
TRY IT YOU WILL LIKE IT!

◇◇PAGOO◇◇

Do you miss calls from friends and  
family when you're surfing the Internet and  
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Receive messages while on-line.  
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them in your private Pagoo  
mailbox.

Save money. Call Catcher is as low  
as \$3.95 a month—a fraction of the cost of a  
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Be notified of messages and play them instantly. Using the Pagoo Player with Call Catcher, you receive instant on-screen notification of new messages and can play them back immediately on your PC screen.

Play messages while on-line. Unlike traditional phone company voicemail systems, Call Catcher allows you to instantly receive messages on your PC and listen to them without getting off the Internet.

Retrieve messages anywhere. Call Catcher allows you to check your voice messages anywhere, anytime, with an Internet connection. Even better, retrieving your messages through the Internet means you can avoid costs like long distance telephone charges—great for checking messages on the road.

Organize voice messages just like email. Call Catcher lets you organize and store your voice messages just like email.

#### ◇◇◇◇CALENDER◇◇◇◇

**JULY 21 & AUGUST 18**

**WE HAVE SOME EXCITEING DEMO's  
COMEING UP!**

**JULY 21 WE WILL HAVE A DEMO  
PROVIDED BY  
~ COMPUTER RENAISSANCE ~  
VIDEO CONFERENCEING ON THE  
INTERNET**

**Thanks to Toby and Nancy Griggs**

**AUGUST 18 we will have a long DEMO so  
I'm warning you ahead of time tell your mate  
you will be late that night.**

**REMEMBER last year when DAN from  
AC COMPUTERS built a complete computer  
before our eyes;**

**Not only did he build it but also he  
explained all about the working of each  
component.**

**So come prepared to have an  
educational experience.**

**Dan will build another  
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# **GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB NEWS LETTER**

JULY 1999

Well we have made it through the hot weekend. Pres. Clinton did his appearance at East St Louis. Odie is in the hospital, so I will try to put out a newsletter of sorts.

We have a new LOGO for the club. But to conserve server space I won't include them in this letter. Check our webpage  
<[www.signalhill.net/gcc](http://www.signalhill.net/gcc)>

<><><>CALENDER<><><>

**JULY 21 & AUGUST 18**

**WE HAVE SOME EXCITING DEMO's COMING UP!**

**JULY 21 WE WILL HAVE A DEMO PROVIDED BY**

**~~ COMPUTER RENAISSANCE**

**VIDEO CONFERENCE ON THE INTERNET**

**Thanks to Toby and Nancy Griggs**

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AUGUST 18 we will have a long DEMO so I'm warning you ahead of time tell your mate you will be late that night.

REMEMBER last year when DAN from AC COMPUTERS built a complete computer before our eyes; not only did he build it but also he explained all about the working of each component. So come prepared to have an educational experience. Dan will build another masterpiece.

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General Meeting of the GATEWAY COMPUTER CLUB

June 16,1999 W.C.Maier

President Mike Taphorn opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m.:

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OFFICERS roll call:

[x] President: ~~~~~ Mike Taphorn  
[ ] Vice President: ~~~~ Jim Tomlinson  
[x] Secretary: ~~~~~ Wallace Maier  
[x] Treasurer : ~~~~~ Donald Wold  
[x ] Membership: ~~~~~ J.C. Spelce Jr.  
                  (Jasper Spears) resigned  
[x] Librarian: ~~~~~ Bill Derossett  
[ ] Member at Large ~~~~~ Dave Epps  
[x] EDITOR :~~~~~ Odie Farris

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Well we have a new LOGO; the first place went to Keith Henesfauth, and Second place went to Donald Wold.

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR ENTRIES

Now we will have to do something special with them.

<><><> OLD BUSINESS<><><>

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<><><> DRAWINGS <><><>

50 / 50 ~~~~~ Farris Jackson

Joy stick ~~~~~ Teresa Fish

Mouse ~~~~~ Donald Wold

Flip File ~~~~~ Betty Feigenbutz

Game Pad ~~~~~ Robert Hill

<><><> DEMO <><><>

Our demo had to be restricted to the Laptop; Because Mike could not get the overhead projector. It still went on OK we crowded in close.

<><><> NEW BUSINESS <><><>

We have a web site; although there isn't a lot on it yet. GIVE US SOME IDEAS! WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE ON IT? [www.signalhill.net/gcc](http://www.signalhill.net/gcc)  
Contact Bob Havlin rhavlin@signalhill.net

<><><> MISC <><><>

Odie is planning to attend a computer club in St. Louis, I'm sure that he will have a lot of new ideas he will bring back to our meetings.

Our DRAWING ITEMS are getting dangerously low; please keep your eyes open for those free deals that we can keep our drawings going.

<><><> TAILGATE PARTY <><><>

We will set-up a tailgate party for the September 15th meeting. We can meet early and cook any meat outside and we can eat inside. It can be potluck. More information as it develops.

<><><> GUESTS <><><>

There were 26 in attendance; we had two guests; Teresa Fish and Robert Hill both from Belleville.

WE WELCOME YOU!



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**TREASURER'S REPORT Donald Wold**

Balance as of June 1,1999 \$1120.16

**INCOME:**

50/50 Drawing \$14.00

Membership \$14.00

CD Sales \$45.00

Total Income \$73.00 \$1193.16

**EXPENSES:**

Postage \$19.80

Newsletter Printing \$12.87

Total Expenses \$32.67

Balance as of July 1,1999 \$1160.49

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<><><>ENTERTAINEMENT<><><>

Stan Kann and the St. Louis Banjo Club will perform at the Lincoln Theatre in Belleville, IL on Saturday, July 31 at 1 p.m. Tickets are \$12 at the box office or by mail. Send a self-addressed stamped envelope to

Lincoln Theatre Tickets  
103 East Main Street  
Belleville, IL 62220.

Mail orders must be received by July 21. For group information, please call (618)233-0018 or (314) 416-0146.

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I just thought I would put in a plug on the above. Have you visited the LINCOLN THEATRE lately? They have rebuilt the big pipe organ and on weekends before the movie they play music. Last year I attended a special; a silent movie with the sound effects accompanied by the organ. Just like the old days (before my time) it was a really enjoyable event.

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<><><>DID YOU KNOW?<><><>

Contrary to popular belief

Computers do not run on electricity

They run in pre-installed smoke

When that smoke comes out it quits working

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The Last Word

< <http://www.last-word.com/>>

What questions weigh heavily on your mind? Think back to when you were a kid: what did you want to know about this Universe? What answers did the adult world fail to provide? Here, you'll find over 450 questions (on scientific phenomena) Answered in plain English. Curiosity killed the cat, but since felines don't surf the Web, you have nothing to worry about. I've always wanted to know if it is better to walk or run in the rain; now I know. No more mysteries!

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Gnome TIP

From the "Somebody Please save Me" department: Lockergnomie Gord Braun has stumbled upon a good habit. "If you are typing a lengthy e-mail message, namely something that's really important, I strongly suggest pressing CTRL+S at Regular intervals. This action should save a (temporary) copy of your work in the 'Drafts' folder in Outlook or Outlook Express." This tip may also work in other e-mail programs (Eudora, Pegasus, Netscape, et al)... refer

to your e-mail Program's documentation to see if copies are automatically saved for messages which take a while to compose. This Way, if something happens to your PC while you're in the middle of a message, all will not be lost. It's kind of like fire insurance -- only not as hot.

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#### Gnome PROGRAM

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For as many cool downloads as I feature, I'm really a software minimalist. You know you can use the 'Print Screen' key to capture a graphical snapshot of your current Desktop...so why download a separate utility to do it for you? Because it's PrintKey 2000. I honestly think that this is the MOTHER of all screen capturing utilities; its on-the-fly image tweaking tools are very handy (adjust brightness, contrast, colors, image size, etc.). You'll want this 'key' player on your team. Check this site for some good downloads

<<http://www.zdnet.com/swlib/hotfiles/musthave99.html>>

#### <><><>Gnome TIP<><><>

From the "Confirm Alan One" department: Lockergnomie Anthony Lieuallen brings to light a tip to help those who have lost a potentially important option. "I once clicked on a ZIP file in Internet Explorer and un-checked 'Always ask before opening this type of file?' mistakenly. The option to save ZIP files never showed up again. I found that if you open up the Windows Explorer, select 'Folder Options' from the View menu, then select the 'File Types' tab, you can locate the ZIP file association and Edit it. At that point, you can place a check mark back into the 'Confirm open after download' field. Once again, you will be prompted to open or save a file before downloading it."

#### <><><>HOT ITEM<><><>

Well here is a cheap reading program! It will read your email to you, and I believe it is the MAGIC SPELL program that I have been using through ICQ. I think this version does not have to have ICQ installed on your system. That is a big plus because when I updated my ICQ program I had problems getting it to work. Anyhow get the free trial version and see. I use MAGIC SPELL every day.

<<http://www.4developers.com/talkmail/>>

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GovernMail v1.00 [1.5M] W9x/NT FREE

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"Government officials work for themselves." And if you believe that, you're wrong. By definition, they work for YOU and YOUR country's, state's, or province's best interests (hopefully). But what's the easiest way to get in touch with them? Electronically. GovernMail contains all US and International Government official contact information; its easy-to-use, Outlook/Explorer-like interface is refreshing. Your voice can (assumedly) be heard, but you have to speak up first.

<><><>MORE HUMOR<><><>

SPRING HILL, TN - A man was so incensed when his car died on him that he pulled out a military assault rifle and shot it, police say. The sight of the man firing the AK-47 at the empty car startled motorists. "I understand he unloaded three 30-round clips into the vehicle," Sheriff Enoch George said. Boyd Kelly, told police he was angry with the 1988 Oldsmobile for quitting on him. [...a word of advice for his wife - Don't EVER tell him you have a headache!]

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SIGN UP FOR THIS. IT IS GREAT. HAVE YOU GOT THE PROBLEM, YOU ARE ON THE INTERNET AND SOMEONE NEEDS TO GET A MESSAGE TO YOU BUT THEY GET A BUSY SIGNAL AND YOU DON'T HAVE AN EXTRA PHONE LINE FOR THIS SITUATION. WELL HERE IS THE SOLUTION! TRY IT YOU WILL LIKE IT!

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## President's Page/ Mike Taphorn



## Hello From The Pres..

### Last Month's Demo

Last month we had a great demonstration by our friends at Computer Renaissance, Toby & Alif. They demonstrated how easy it is to use a video camera to send live/almost live images over a network or the internet. I think they showed us that it does not take an incredibly powerful machine to send /receive video information to your friends. Not only did they give a great demonstration, but they also donated a video camera for the 50/50 drawing and gave every member that was present a free mouse pad. Please Thank them the next time you visit their store. Speaking of their store, I want everyone in the club to go and see what Toby and Alif have available at their shop. The address is 103 Frey Lane in Fairview Heights, Illinois. Their phone number is: [618] 628-3990.

**Please go take a look and support the people who help our club.**

### This Month's Demo

This Month's Demo is going to be a good one. We are going to have a computer built from scratch right before your eyes....BE THERE, it is going to be good.

### Membership Person is Hired

J.C. Spelce volunteered to be the membershipo chairman and he is doing a great job of organizing our list of members. If any of your personal information or E-mail addresses have changed, please let us know so we can update our records...

### Other Groups???

I know that Wally our secretary has started to go to another club's meetings and he is going to find all the good stuff they do and let us know how we can improve our club and make more exciting. If you are already in another club, let us know and we will link them into our website or share newsletter...

### September Meeting = Bar-B-Que

Its seems like we thought of this a long time ago, but September is fast approaching and I figured that I should get everyone's taste buds thinking about the Bar-B-Que. We will have the meat event pit set up. So just bring your own meat. There will be plenty trash bags for you to enter your not so good desired delicacies. Not provided will be rolaids or other popular relief. In some cases it may be necessary to bring bathroom remedies. Air cleaner/freshner, bowl cleaner/freshner. Now all these suggestions are just suggestions and should be taken note of as your cooking and eating skills require. Iron internal organs

may eliminate some required remedies. Also, go cooking will help everyone.

If everyone brings there own meat and one dish to share, there should be enough food for everyone. We'll have the Bar-B-Que pit set up early so you can start cooking ar around 6:00 and we can all be eating by 7:00 when the normal meeting is supposed to start.

### Another Parrot Joke

A young man named John received a parrot as a gift. The parrot had a bad attitude and an even worse vocabulary. Every word out of this bird's mouth was rude, obnoxious and laced with profanity. John tried and tried to change the bird's attitude by constantly saying polite words, playing soft music, and anything he could think of to set a good example.

Nothing worked. Finally, John got fed up and he yelled at the parrot. And, the bird yelled back. John shook the parrot and the bird got angrier and ruder. Finally, in a moment of desperation, John put the bird in the refrigerator freezer. For a few minutes, John heard the bird squawk and kick and scream...then suddenly there was quiet. Not a peep for over a minute. Fearing that he had hurt the bird, John quickly opened the door to the freezer. The parrot calmly stepped out onto John's outstretched arm and said. "I believe I may have offended you with my rude language and actions. I am truly sorry, and I will do everything to correct my poor behavior. John was astonished at the bird's change of attitude. As he was about to ask the parrot what made such a dramatic change in his behavior, the bird continued, "May I ask what the chicken did?"

**Mike,**



## **The Club**

**The Gateway Computer Club [G.C.C.] is a not-for-profit organization of like minded computer users. Membership fee is \$15.00 per year. Members receive access to the club's public domain library, educational programs, literature and the monthly newsletter Bits & Chips.**

**Direct all membership applications and questions to Gateway Computer Club, Mike Taphorn, President, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville, Illinois 62234.**

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Thelma Currat; August 26th  
Richard Koerper; August 27th  
Inge Liggett; August 27th  
Jackie Sweet; August 20th  
Ken Welker; August 24th  
Lee Bales; July 14th  
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Larry Briggs; July 13th  
Marshal Bush; July 12th  
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## **Treasurer's Report**

**Donald A. Wold, Treasurer**

**Balance as of July 1, 1999**

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### **INCOME**

**50/50 Drawing \$22.00**

**Total Income**

**\$22.00**

### **EXPENSES**

**Postage: \$7.00**

**Total Expenses:**

**\$7.00**

**BALANCE as of August 1, 1999**

**\$1175.49**

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***Be not afraid of growing slowly, be afraid only of standing still.***

**-- Chinese Proverb**

## **General Meeting of The Gateway**

### **Computer Club.**

**July 21, 1999**

**W.C. Maier, Secretary**

**Officer Roll Call:**

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**[x] Membership: J.C. Spelce Jr.**

**[A] Editor: Odie Farris, III**

**Twenty four members attended the meeting. WE had two guest. Everett Hubbard and Dean Mindock. We hope you enjoyed your visit!!!**

### **Drawings**

**50/50.....Martin Bertulis**

**Quick Cam.....Everett Hubbard**

**Game Pad.....dunno???**

**Stapler.....Martin Bertulis**

**Floppy Disks.....Bob Havlin**

### **DEMO**

**An outstanding demo was presented by**

**Toby Griggs and Alif Teranson of**

**Computer Renaissance**

**103 Frey Lane**

**Fairview Heights, Illinois 62208**

**Also, presentations were made on Video**

**Conferencing. Passed out mouse pads**

**and donated a Quick Cam for our raffle.**

**If anyone needs a good deal on a laptop**

**for school, Computer Renaissance has sev-**

**eral used ones. Please stop on by and see**

**them and of course tell them you are a**

**GCC Member**

**On August 18 we will have a Long demo.**

**So I am warning you ahead of time. Tell**

**your mate that night, "I will be tardy to-**

**night, Honey!!" Remember last year when**

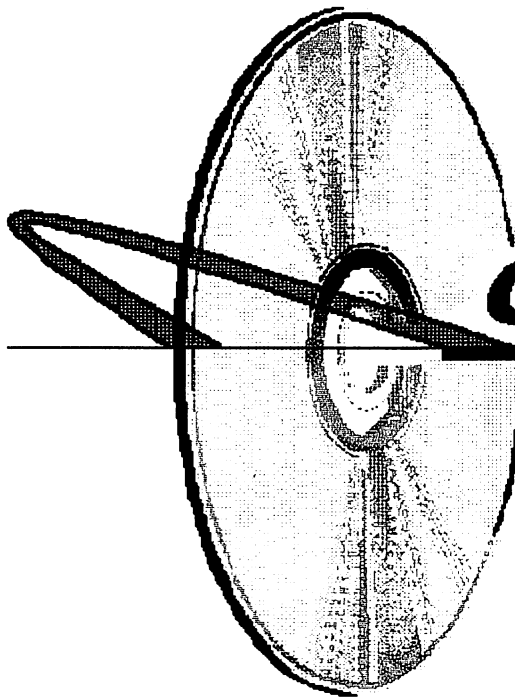
**DAN from A.C. Computers built a com-**

**plete computer as we watched and ex-**

**plained the workings of each component.**

**Dan will build another masterpiece. Rich**

**Collins is making a CD of some of the old**



# **Gateway Computer Club**

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CASEYVILLE TWP. BLDG. 7:00 PM.  
10001 BUNKUM RD. 3RD. WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH  
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**AUGUST 18**

**WE HAVE A EXCITEING DEMO's COMEING UP!**

**AUGUST 18** we will have a long DEMO so I'm warning you ahead of time tell  
your mate you will be late that night.

**REMEMBER** last year when DAN from AC COMPUTERS built a complete  
computer before our eyes;

Not only did he build it but also he explained all about the working of each  
component.

So come prepared to have an educational experience.

Dan will build another masterpiece

We have a web site; although there isn't a lot on their give are some ideas! What is  
your favorite URL?

**WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SEE ON IT? <[www.signalhill.net/gcc](http://www.signalhill.net/gcc)>**  
**Contact Bob Havlin [rhavlin@signalhill.net](mailto:rhavlin@signalhill.net)**

# ARCAMAX Humor Cartoons

For August 13th, 1999



"If you're wondering why you have 14,000  
E-mails, it's because I sold your address to  
several Bulk E-mail companies."

WHILE YOU WERE OUT



Commodore programs that will run on IBM format. So if you have favorites that you would like to be included; contact Rich Collins at [richc@primary.net](mailto:richc@primary.net). We have a web site and we would like to have more of your ideas displayed. What is your favorite URL? What do you want to see on the web site? The site address is [www.signalhill.net/gcc](http://www.signalhill.net/gcc) & contact Bob Havlin [rhavlin@signalhil.net](mailto:rhavlin@signalhil.net). AN ANNOUNCEMENT!!!! OUR DRAWING ITEMS stockroom is becoming dangerously short supplied of goodies. Please keep your eyes open for good/free deals we can use for our drawing in our general meetings.

### BRING A FRIEND NEXT TIME

### THE SIGNS YOUR CO-WORKER IS A COMPUTER HACKER

Wally's Dairy

Everyone who ticks him/her off gets a \$26,000 phone bill. He has won the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes three years running. When asked for their phone number, they give it in hex. Seems strangely calm whenever the office Lan goes down. Somehow gets HBO on their PC at work. Mumbled, "Oh, puh-leezzz!" 295 times during the movie "The Net." Massive 401K contributions made in half cent increments. Their video dating profile lists "Public-Key encryption" among turn-ons. Instead of the "Welcome" voice on AOL, you overhear, "Good Morning, Mr./Mrs. President." You hear them murmur, "let's see you use that VISA card now, Professor 'I-Don't-Give-A's-In-Computer-Science!'"

### Editor Views

**Well**, since the board agreed that giving a demo on MP3 files I figured perhaps it would be good to provide a edited version of PC Magazines article in the August 1999 edition of their magazine. This article is located on page 49 under the title "First Looks." The article is researched by author Jan Ozer.

MusicMatch owned the MP3 category until RealNetworks introduced RealJukebox, a polished product that quickly grabbed both market and mind share. But with MusicMatch Jukebox 4.0, the company adds significant database and play list flexibility, a graphics equalizer, and the ability to record from analog sources. Although the interface is not perfect, the result is a product that many MP3 junkies will find superior to RealJukebox.

You can download a free version of Jukebox from the Music-Match Web site, which will encode to MP3 and RealAudio 4.0 formats to a maximum of 96 Kbps. With the \$29.99 [direct] upgrade, you can record at 128 and 160 Kbps for CD quality playback.

The program has four main windows for the player, library, recorder, and track information, with four different display themes. Drop in a CD and the program scans and imports artist, album, and song titles from CDDb. Check which songs to record, press start, and the program plays and records in real time. For faster recording you can mute the playback, but MusicMatch does not offer RealJukebox's read-ahead encoding feature, a deficit offset by advanced encoding options such as fade and normalization controls.

All recorded files are included in

the library, and you can add files from the disk through normal menu controls. Since MusicMatch supports the proposed ID3v2 standard for including text and graphics with an MP3 audio file, you can cover art, notes, and tags for up to 12 characteristics, such as mood, genre, or tempo. Tagging also sets up MusicMatch's AutoDJ function, a great feature that lets you set a program time and select songs by up to three of these tags.

At times, MusicMatch's fixed window interface feels claustrophobic, and rough edges such as the lack of network support can get frustrating. ID3v2 support and AutoDJ, however, are two features that favorably distinguished MusicMatch from RealJukebox.

Music Match Juke Box 4.0.  
Direct price: Free, upgrade for high bitrate encoding, \$29.99 direct.  
Requires; 16 MB RAM (32MB for Microsoft Windows NT); 30 MB hard disk space; windows 95,98, or NT  
4.0 MusicMatch Inc. San Diego;  
619-385-8367;  
[www.musicmatch.com](http://www.musicmatch.com).



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# **Gateway Computer Club**

**Next Meeting:**

**August 18, 1999**

**Location:**

**Caseyville Township Building**

**10001 Bunkum Road**

**Fairview Heights, Illinois**

**For Directions Call:**

**Mike; [618] 345-2197 - James; [618] 624-3872 - Wally; [618] 286-0215**

**Visitors are Always Welcome at our meetings on the third of every Month**

**Next Board Meeting**

**September 1, 1999**

**Ryans Steak House 6:00 P.M.**

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**Gateway Computer Club**

**Mike Taphorn**

**101 Spring Glen**

**Collinsville, Illinois 62234**





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**H**ello From The Pres.-- Mike Taphorn

## BAR-B-QUE TIME



Well, the warm weather is coming to an end and the kids are headed to school. There is just enough time to have one more good old fashioned BAR-B-QUE before we all pack up the BAR\_B\_QUE pits. This month's meeting will be a little different than the usual meeting.

### WE'LL START COOKING THE FOOD

AT 6:00 P.M.

I will have my BAR-B-QUE pit set up early and I will start heating up the charcoal at 5:30 P.M. The coals should be ready by the time everyone starts showing up with food. Everyone who wants to eat should bring their own meat and one side dish to share. Bring your own place settings and utensils too. This will prevent any leftovers. We have a soda machine in the building, but anyone who wants to bring extra drinks is more than welcome...

### THIS MONTH'S DEMO = MP3 MUSIC

While we are eating our Bar-B-Que and everything else, we will have a demonstration of the latest craze in the music industry, MP3 files. I am sure some of you are going MP3??? What is MP3??? Well, it is the newest thing to hit the music industry and it let's you play music on your computer that sounds as good as a CD. You can download songs from the Internet or copy them from your own CD's. Anyway, come to the Bar-B-Que/meeting and you will see what all the high school and college kids are excited about and you will hear some good music too...

### I THINK WE NEED A NEW LIBRARIAN

Are you an organized person that likes to keep things in their place?? Well, you are, good or you can learn to be one. PLEASE volunteer to fill our Librarian position ASAP. Our collection is in immediate need of complete reorganization, such that we need to be able to access programs quickly. I have a bunch of new software that needs to be added to the Library, but I am not going to put the new software in present catagories until we have a good listing of our existing collection. I do not think the process of organizing our collection will take long, just dedication to get the job done. Let me know at the our exciting BAR-B-Que/meeting that you are interested. ELECTIONS in November!!!! We will add your name to the hat. Thanks for your help!!!

### SOFTWARE REVIEWS

Does anybody have any new software that they would like to show the other club members? We are always looking for something to demonstrate at the meetings and anyone who has a new program would fit the bill perfectly. You do not have to be an expert about the program and walk us through the basic of what the software can do....Let one of the board members know if you have an interesting piece of software that you would let us demonstrate or that you would be willing to demonstrate for our club....

### DINNER PARTY JOKE

A dinner speaker was in such a hurry to get to his engagement that dwhen he arrived and sat down at the head table, he suddenly realized that he had forgotten his false teeth. Turning to the man next to him he said, "I forgot my teeth!!!" The man said, "No problem." He reached into his pocket and pulled out a pair of falxe teeth, and said, "Try these." The speaker tried them on and replied, "They are too loose." The man then said, "I have another pair, try these." The speaker tried them and responded, "They are too tight." The man was not taken back at all. He then reached into another pocket and said "I have one more pair try these." The speaker tried them on and replied, "They fit perfectly!!!" With that he ate his meal and gave his speech went over to thank the man who had helped him. "I want to thank you for coming to my aid". "Where is your office? I have been looking for a good dentist." The man replied, "I am not a dentist, I am an undertaker."

### REMIND ME TO TELL YOU

Remind me to tell you about my new business venture....I promise it is better than the time I invested in Commodore right before they went bankrupt..I am llooking to make it a fundraiser for the club...Remind me at the meeting, I should have the details worked out by then...

**Mike**

## The Club

The Gateway Computer Club [G.C.C.] is a not-for-profit organization of like minded computer users. Membership fee is \$15.00 per year. Members receive access to the club's public domain library, educational programs, literature and the monthly newsletter Bits & Chips.

Direct all membership applications and questions to Gateway Computer Club, Mike Taphorn, President, 101 Spring Glen, Collinsville, Illinois 62234.

Only public domain programs are kept in the G.C.C. Library. Reproduction of copyrighted software is not promoted nor condoned by the G.C.C. and will not be tolerated at club functions.

## Bits & Chips

Please direct all submissions and advertising to Editor, Odie Farris, III, 1021 Southgate Drive, Apartment 8H, Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864-7203. Camera ready advertising must be received by the 8th day of each month, unless written specifically requested arrangements are made.

Advertising rates are as follows: Full page black and white, \$15.00. Advertising with color photographs or text, must be issued by businesses. The number of color media type must total 70 copies each month [subject to change as membership grows]. Half page \$9.00; quarter page \$5.00; business card \$15.00 for six months.

Contents of the Bits & Chips newsletter may be reprinted by other club newsletters, if accompanied by the author's name and credit given to the Gateway Computer Club [G.C.C.]. The G.C.C. assumes no liability for errors

**Happy Birthday  
To:**

James Tomlinson:

September 17

Dean Roberson:

September 27

## Treasurer's Report

Donald A. Wold, Treasurer

Balance as of August 1, 1999

\$1175.49

### INCOME

50/50 Drawing: \$13.00

Membership: \$45.00

Total Income

\$58.00

### EXPENSES

Newsletter:

Printing/Envelopes: \$29.54

Stamps: \$26.40

Total Expenses:

\$55.94

BALANCE as of

September 1, 1999.....

\$1177.55

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I cannot give you a formula for success, but I  
can give you the formula for failure - which is:

Try to please everybody.

-- Herbert Bayard Swope

## General Meeting of The Gateway Computer Club.

August 18, 1999

W.C. Maier, Secretary

Officer Roll Call:

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[x] Vice President: Jim Tomlinson

[x] Secretary: Wallace Maier

[x] Treasurer: Donald Wold

[x] Membership: J.C. Spelce Jr.

[A] Editor: Odie Farris, III

Twenty four members attended the meeting. Al from AC COMPUTERS did a great demo for us all. He was asked to explain memory. When all was said and a complete history of memory process, and parity was given completely from beginning to the present day.

THANKS AL!!!

### Drawings

50/50.....Bill Browder

Hat.....Marty Bertulis

Stapler.....Jackie Sweet

Mouse.....Crystal Sweet

Stapler.....Martin Bertulis

Floppy Disks.....Bob Havlin

### Wally's View

Watch Your Thoughts, They Become Your  
Words.

Watch Your Words, They Become Your  
Actions.

Watch Your Actions, They Become Your  
Character.

Watch Your Character, It becomes Your  
Destiny

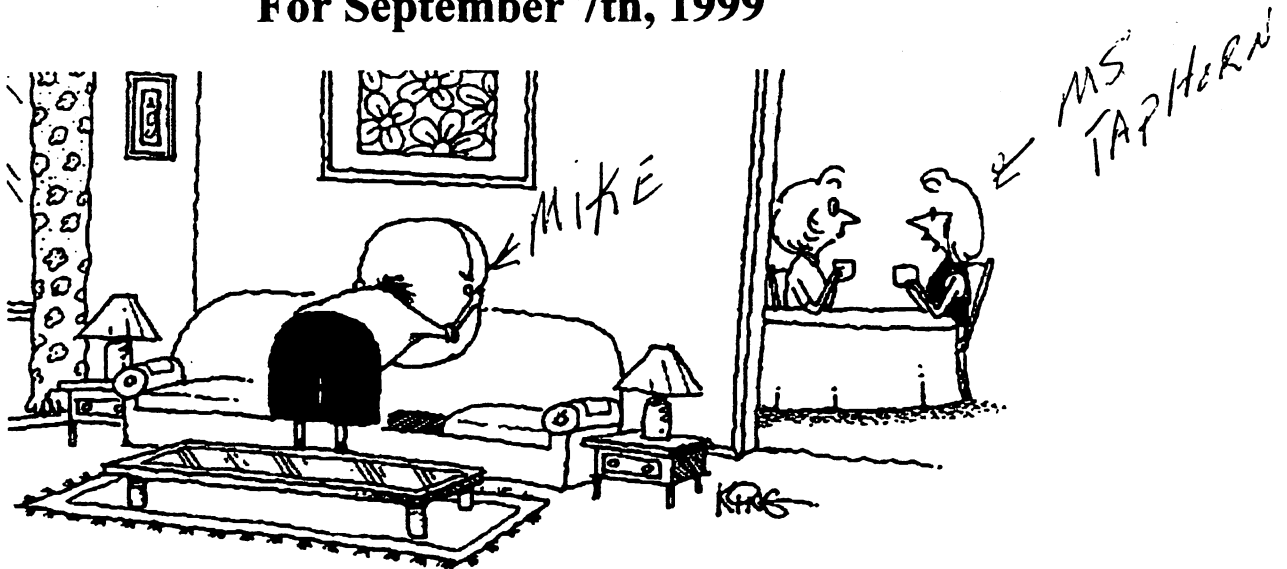


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# ATLANTA Humor Cartoons

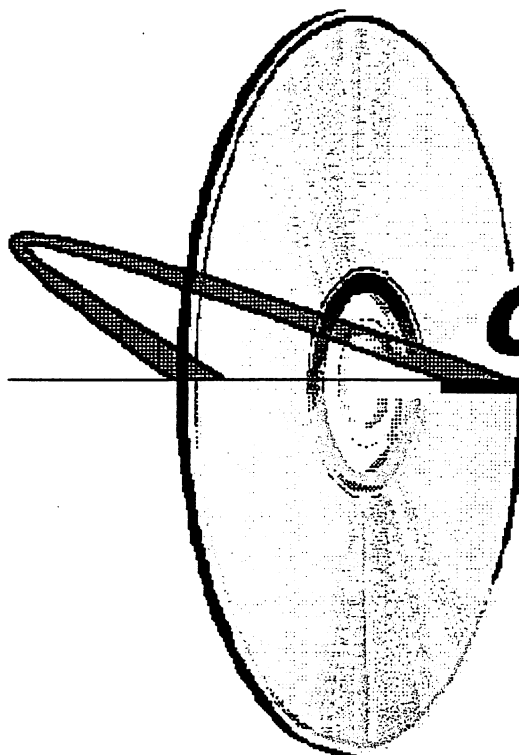
For September 7th, 1999



The doctor said he needed more activity. So  
I hide his computer three times a week.



"To make more room on your  
computer, I deleted the internet."



# Gateway Computer Club

CASEYVILLE TWP. BLDG. 7:00 PM.  
10001 BUNKUM RD. 3RD. WEDNESDAY EVERY MONTH  
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Well every body; this year has gone by fast. School is now started and vacation time is gone it is now time to start making plans for the new year.

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| TAILGATE -BB-Q POTLUCK    | 15th.   | September meeting |
| Nominations for officers: | 20th.   | October meeting   |
| Election of officers      | 17th.   | November meeting  |
| Christmas Party           | {15th.} | December meeting  |

NEW YEARS EVE 11:59 PM. (toot blam pow beep plink) At 12:01 AM. You will finally be under the  
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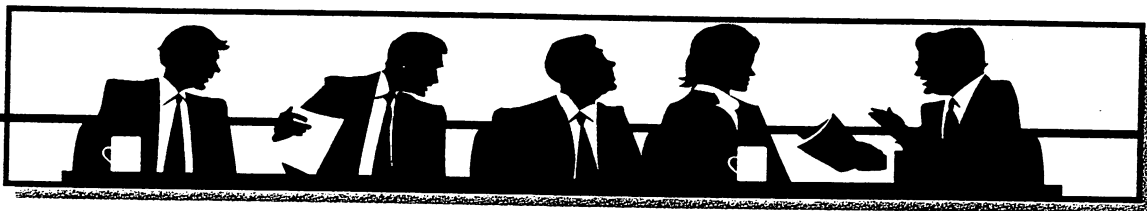
**Gateway Computer Club**

**GCC**  
GOOD FOR \$1.00 OFF ANY MEETING

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## **Business Meeting of The Gateway**

### **Computer Club**

**September 1, 1999**

**Ryans Steak House 6:00 P.M.**

#### **Officers Present:**

[X] President; Mike Taphorn

[X] Vice President; Jim Tomlinson

[X] Secretary; Wally Maier

[X] Treasurer; Donald Wold

[X] Membership; J.C. Spelce Jr.

[T] Editor; Odie Farris, III

(Editor's Note: I called Wally for the definition of the letter "T" in front of my title and name. He explanation and I quote "You were without a doubt very Tardy to our meeting. Odie!!" Well.....I want the letters in front of Wally's Title & name next time to read, "WWPWHFE" which stands for "Wally Was Present When He Finished Eating.." And before Donald's title and name to read "OIFTWAC" which means "Oops I Forgot To Write A Check." And before Mikes title and name to read, "ATMBOSE" which means Adjoin The Meeting Before Odie Stops Eating." And before James Name "WISVLA" which stands for "Well I Said Very Little Again." And lastly, J.C. "NIHNGYILNW" Which stands for "No I Have Not Gone Yet I am Leaving Next Week.") .....THAT'S ALL!!

Tailgate pot luck dinner. September 15th. 6:00 PM. Mike will bring a BB-Q grill. YOU bring your own meat and a covered dish for a POT LUCK DINNER. Bring paper plates and plastic ware. Entertainment will be a MP-3 Demo.

Coming Soon: An Online Newsletter. We are to discuss that some people are not yet set up to receive HTML or yet to get their browser set up for HTML and TEXT. These are must to receive our newsletter on line. The October Meeting:

We will make decals with the new club LOGO and apply to several T-Shirts. This will be demonstrated by a club member. Our Web page: We are trying to get Bob Havlin to set up access to our web page so we can keep it updated.

### **Wally's Dairy**

To Realize the Value of ONE YEAR,

Ask the student who failed a class.

To Realize the Value of ONE MONTH,

Ask a Mother who gave birth to a pre mature baby.

To Realize the Value of ONE WEEK,

Ask the Editor of a weekly Newspaper.

To Realize the Value of ONE HOUR,

Ask the Lovers who are waiting to Meet.

To Realize the Value of ONE MINUTE,

Ask the Person who missed the train.

To Realize the Value of ONE SECOND,

Ask the person who just avoided an accident.

To Realize the Value of ONE MILLISECOND,

Ask the person who won a silver medal in the Olympics.

**T**reasure every moment that you have!!

Yesterday is History, Tomorrow is Mystery, and Today is a Gift. That is why it is called the Present!!!

### **Editors' Views**

**W**ell it seems we should be gearing up for home networking. Whereas, 2, 3 or more people in a single family home can use thier computer on the same line. They may do their business, school kids, mom and dad all at the same time. Included in all that Mom or Dad can monitor what their kid is watching on the net. SAY WHAT!?!?

The following is Edited from an article by **Lou Dolinar** of NEWSDAY.

While there are several reasons to set up a network on the computers' in your home, the biggest reason is to share an Internet Connection, be it a dial-up modem, a cable modem or one of those fancy new Digital Subscriber Line [DSL]

Absent the network and a way of sharing a net connection, every computer would need its own phone line and internet account, to the tune of as much as \$40.00 a month. With modem sharing, one accountand phone line easily serves a half a dozen computers. The mechanism for sharing an internet connection is a proxy server.

It can be a special type of hardware into which you plug your network or it can be set up with special software on one of the computers that you already own. Proxy servers have other advantages too. You can set them up to give you a record of the sites your kids visit and filter out those you find objectionable. How does it all work? In most typical case, one computer on the network is designated as the "proxy server." The proxy server connects to your service provider. The individual machines on your network talk only to the proxy server, which is, in effect, a stand-in [proxy] for the whole internet. Everything on the network runs standard TCP/IP, so you can connect a Mac as well as a PC.. You can have a "dedicated" computer to handle your internet connections and function as a "firewall." This is to protect against "internetSnoopers" who want to know your personal business.

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**September 15, 1999 at 7:00 PM**

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**Next Board Meeting**

**October 6, 1999**

**Ryans Steak House 6:00 P.M.**

